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**Solving Palestine problem  
Hussein obtains U.S.  
commitment on peace**

AMMAN, Jan. 11 (AP) — King Hussein was quoted Tuesday as saying he has a written commitment from U.S. President Ronald Reagan to find a solution to the Palestinian problem, and that Reagan will make Middle East peace his top priority.

The official Jordanian news agency Petra and the pro-government newspapers *Alrai* and *Al-Destour* quoted Hussein as telling a private meeting of Jordanian and Palestinian notables Monday:

We have obtained a written commitment from U.S. President Reagan that the American administration will throw its weight behind efforts to produce a just and honorable solution to the Palestinian question.

Hussein briefed the group on his talks in Washington with Reagan in December.

I came out with the impression that Reagan intends and insists on making this matter his number one concern, ahead of the arms balance (between the United States and the Soviet Union), the reports quoted the king as saying.

Hussein also told the meeting that "time is getting short, and action (toward a peace settlement) must begin before the beginning of March," when Reagan will become pre-occupied with next year's election campaign.

Hussein added that "I felt in the talks with Reagan that America now has a clear objective — to eliminate all forms of foreign armed presence in Lebanon."

Reagan's Middle East proposals, put forward last September, call for self-government for the Palestinians in the West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip in association with Jordan. Reagan also called for the Arabs, including the Palestinians, to recognize Israel's right to exist.

The account of Hussein's address to the Jordanian and Palestinian group leaders accentuated the "inseparable bonds" between Jordan and the Palestinians. But Hussein indicated that his current talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization on a possible future confederation would first focus on means of regaining the West Bank and the Gaza from Israeli occupation, before examining details of the desired Palestinian state and its links with Jordan.

The United States and Israel have refused



King Hussein

to consider talks on the future of the West Bank with a joint Jordanian-PLO committee. But informed sources said PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, who left here Tuesday for Moscow after three days of talks with Hussein, was in principle accepting the idea of having non-PLO personalities represent the Palestinians on the committee. Hussein said he had asked Reagan if his administration was capable of pursuing the peace process successfully. "because to us failure would be more menacing than not to start at all." "Failure would not be yours alone — it would be my own failure too," the king quoted Reagan as answering, according to the newspaper and news agency stories.

**Arab mission  
to visit U.K.**

RABAT, Jan. 11 (R) — Arab League mission led by King Hassan of Morocco will visit London next month as a result of a compromise over the participation of a Palestinian delegate, Moroccan officials said Tuesday.

They told Reuters the mission would visit London in February, ending several weeks of diplomatic bickering over British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's refusal to receive any Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) official.

The visit has been made possible by the inclusion of a West Bank mayor who will represent the PLO but is not a member of its executive committee, the officials said.

They identified the Palestinian delegate as Muhammad Mihlem, who was dismissed by the Israeli authorities nearly three years ago as mayor of Halhul and now lives in Amman.

The mission was set up by the Arab summit in Fez last September to present a Middle East peace plan to the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council. Its visit to London was called off because of Britain's refusal to accept the inclusion of a PLO delegate.

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Press reports at the time said police were unable to enter many areas of the town. In July 1980, a soldier and three others were killed and several people injured in a gun battle.

A week later, troops backed by tanks sent from Ankara moved into the town and detained 300 persons. Until then, no troops had been in the area.

**To revive pullout parleys**

**Beirut accepts U.S. proposal**

BEIRUT, Jan. 11 (AP) — Lebanon has agreed to an American proposal for a "composite agenda" to revive the stalled talks with Israel on the withdrawal of foreign armies from Lebanon.

Lebanese officials said the government of President Amin Gemayel had agreed with one reservation to the American-proposed agenda, submitted by U.S. special envoy Morris Draper during the fifth round of talks between Israeli, American and Lebanese negotiators in suburban Khalde Monday.

State television and Lebanese newspapers said David Kimche, the chief Israeli delegate, spent the night in Beirut and consulted with Draper on the latest American suggestions. But U.S. Embassy spokesman John Reid denied the report, and said Draper traveled to Israel Tuesday without meeting Kimche.

The Lebanese government decided to accept the composite agenda provided the issues contained are considered "topics for discussion, not binding principals," according to the official, who requested anonymity in conformity with government regulations.

The talks have been deadlocked over Lebanon's refusal to agree to an Israeli demand that normalization of relations be included on the agenda.

"This is our final position, the farthest we can go," the official said. "The Lebanese stand was communicated to Draper Monday evening after Khalde talks. He will consult with the Israeli government Wednesday."

"If agreement is reached, official announcement approving the composite agenda will be made by the two governments concerned before the next session of talks," he added.

The next round of talks is scheduled to be held Thursday in the northern Israeli border town of Kiryat Shmona.

According to one Lebanese official, the proposed agenda would contain "all issues acceptable to both Lebanon and Israel, issues acceptable to Israel and unacceptable to Lebanon, plus issues acceptable to Lebanon and unacceptable to Israel."

Ghassan Tueni, former Lebanese ambassador to the United Nations and current coordinator of the withdrawal with Gemayel, told reporters after a meeting with Gemayel and Draper.

**Biggest trial in Turkey to start**

ANKARA, Jan. 11 (Agencies) — More than 700 residents of the little Turkish seaside town of Fatsa go on trial Wednesday — 260 of them facing the death penalty — on charges of trying to turn the town into an independent leftist "state." It will be the biggest mass trials in Turkey's history.

The 740 defendants are accused in a 762-page indictment of taking over the northern town, setting up people's committees and people's court, in the chaotic days before the military seized power in Turkey in 1980.

The charges against them range from 90 murders, 36 assaults, arson, bombing and armed robbery to the most serious, that of establishing an independent administration inside a state.

Fatsa, on the Black Sea, has become a symbol of the political polarization which wracked Turkey in two years of rampant political violence before the 1980 coup. Its residents will face a military court in Amasya, a city about 150 kilometers from their town.

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**Europe studying E. bloc arms offer**

STRASBOURG, Jan. 11 (R) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher pledged Tuesday that the European Community was ready to respond positively to a genuine peace initiative from the Warsaw Pact.

Genscher, current president of the community's council of ministers, told the European Parliament: "The failure of any genuinely serious peace initiative will not be attributable to us."

"All East European proposals (will) be given serious and careful scrutiny and every opportunity explored," he said.

"We will therefore give the most careful analysis to the latest suggestions from the Warsaw Pact countries — regardless of the political terms in which they are couched — and assess them without preconceptions."

Genscher was referring to an offer made last week by Warsaw Pact countries to sign a

from Lebanon, security arrangements in the wake of withdrawals and the framework of future relations between Israel and Lebanon.

Emphasis must be laid on the priority of the withdrawal of foreign armies in the negotiations. All other issues are of a marginal nature," Tueni said.

He reiterated that the Lebanese government "refuses the normalization of relations and will not permit a situation where Israel would drag Lebanon into committing itself to discuss the future of relations within the framework of a negotiating agenda."

The central news agency, a local news organization with close government ties, said the top items on the agenda would be: a schedule for the withdrawal of foreign forces

from Lebanon, security arrangements in the wake of withdrawals and the framework of future relations between Israel and Lebanon.

Ghassan Tueni, Lebanese coordinator for the talks, summed up the Lebanese position when he told *Al-Nahar* newspaper Tuesday that the top Lebanese priority remains "the withdrawal of the Israelis and of all non-Lebanese forces."

Meanwhile Lebanon is sending three parliamentary delegations to tour the Arab world and rally support for its position in the withdrawal negotiations. The first delegation left for Tunisia Monday. Two others will be leaving in the next two days to visit Gulf states.

**Reagan rushing Habib**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP) — Ambassador Philip Habib, expressing disappointment about a lack of progress in talks for the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon, was dispatched to the Middle East Monday by President Ronald Reagan to seek an end to the deadlock.

Habib said he was leaving immediately and that his first stop would be Israel. Habib said he also would travel to Lebanon.

The three parties to the talks, the United States, Israel and Lebanon, failed to agree Monday on a negotiating agenda for the withdrawal of foreign armies from Lebanon.

Habib said the deadlock over the agenda must be dealt with on an urgent basis. "We all believe more headway could be made." Habib said after an oval office conference with Reagan, Vice President George Bush, Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. "We believe it's taking too long," he added.

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**Soviet arms flow into Iraq**

LONDON, Jan. 11 (AFP) — The Soviet Union has resumed arms supplies to Iraq after a one-year break, the *Conservative Daily Telegraph* newspaper reported here Tuesday.

Weapons, including MiG fighter-bombers, T-72 tanks and missiles, are being sent in a move which marks a major shift in Moscow's position on the 28-month-old war between Iran and Iraq.

Soviet Antonov transport planes have been delivering ground-to-ground and ground-to-air missiles to Iraq, diplomatic correspondents wrote.

In addition, Soviet cargo ships are loading T-72 tanks destined for Akaba, the Jordanian Red Sea port which services Iraq, the *Daily Telegraph* said.

Since September 1980, when the war began, the Soviet Union had provided only military materiel ordered under existing contracts. The new arms deliveries are the first in the past year.

The change comes shortly after a visit to Moscow by an Iraqi delegation headed by vice-president and army chief Taha Rama and Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz.

**Assassination bid on Honecker fails**

BONN, Jan. 11 (R) — East German head of state Erich Honecker narrowly escaped being assassinated by a 41-year-old heating worker near East Berlin on New Year's eve, the West German weekly magazine *Stern* reported Tuesday.

The attempt to kill Honecker came at two o'clock in the afternoon as he was driving in a convoy of cars through Klosterfelde, north of the city, to his hunting lodge, *Stern* said. Honecker was not hurt, it said.

No immediate official comment was available. Honecker was seen in good health on television Monday night when he gave a New Year address to the East Berlin diplomatic corps.

*Stern* said the would-be assassin, whom it did not name, killed himself with a World War II revolver when his attack failed.

It said the man, driving a green Lada 1300 car, tried to overtake the motorcade and get behind Honecker's car, but the Lada was forced off the road by a car containing security guards.

The man then jumped out and opened fire, severely wounding one security man in the chest and lungs, *Stern* said.

According to the ICRC, whose representatives have been present in the camp five days out of seven since mid-July, there remain today 5,400 prisoners from an original total of 9,040. The relief organization, since its access to the camp, has worked to improve conditions and obtain the release of wounded and chronically ill.

According to ICRC representative Philip Constance, Israel has agreed to 30 percent of those requests. Since last October, prisoners have been allowed to speak with the Israeli press. They now have games and are permitted to leave their tent to visit one another.

But the space reserved per prisoner still falls below Geneva convention norms.

Palestinians have continued to denounce the detention of numerous employees of civilian organizations such as the Palestinian Red Crescent and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.

**Beatings & denunciations daily fare for Israeli-held POWs**

ALANSAR, South Lebanon, Jan. 11 (AFP) — Frequent beatings, "strange" interrogations and denunciations were the daily fare of prisoners held in the Israeli-run camp of Al Ansar in the weeks following Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

Although conditions of detention are said to have improved in recent months, more than half the initial 9,000 internees at this southern Lebanese site remain prisoner with no end to their ordeal in sight.

Accounts from former detainees and representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross — admitted to the camp since last July 15 — suggest improvement came last October, after the Palestinian Liberation Organization had quit Beirut and prisoners were allowed access to Israeli newsmen.

The camp remains barred to the international press.

Two former prisoners, now living in the Palestinian refugee camp on Ain El Heloue

near Sid



## W. Province increasing hospitals, dispensaries

JEDDAH, Jan. 11 (SPA) — Health ministry hospitals in the Western Province total 16, according to Dr. Hassan Nasif, the area's supervisor general for health affairs. There are six hospitals here, five in Makkah, three in Taif and two in Bahah. At the same time, there are 250 dispensaries in the province. Numerous other hospitals and dispensaries will be built according to Nasif. A 350-bed hospital is planned in Southern Jeddah; the project will be awarded within 45 days to be completed within 24 months. Work is also underway on building a 200-bed hospital in Makkah which will be equipped within 23 months. Another charity hospital in Makkah was recently purchased by the ministry from the Philanthropic Society. It contains 220 beds and will be ready within the coming eight months.

The directorate is also expanding a number of its hospitals. For instance, outpatient clinics at Al-Zaher hospital in Makkah will be doubled. Bahrash hospital will be re-furnished and its number of wards augmented; and SR50 million is being spent on King Fahd Hospital in Bahah on furniture to upgrade it to a first class hospital. The directorate is establishing a surgery, intensive care and stroke wards at Al Shasha Hospital in Makkah.

The psychiatric hospital in Taif will be further improved and renovated. Already 450 of its patients have been moved to buildings hired by the government and turned into hospitals.

In view of the large number of patients at



Dr. Hassan Nasif

Jeddah's Eye Hospital, its outpatient clinics will be increased and the number of beds raised by 20 percent. Likewise the maternity and pediatric hospital here will be expanded.

Beds will also be invited to build a 350-bed pediatric hospital here. The project is still under study. King Fahd Hospital in Taif has been expanded and a building rented for obstetrics. The additional building contains 200 beds.

Dr. Nasif said that 17 dispensaries have been opened and 29 will be inaugurated soon in the Kingdom's major cities and districts and in remote areas.

## Riyadh gourmet group celebrates anniversary

By Betty Graham

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Jan. 11 — The Saudi Arabian Chapter of "La Chaine des Rotisseurs" celebrated its first anniversary at the Hotel Al-Khazama here, where this famous culinary association was founded.

The investiture of 31 new members was done by a delegate of the board of directors of "La Chaine" from Paris. He especially traveled to Riyadh for this event and presided over an eight-course dinner at the Al-Khazama Hotel which was prepared under



FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Members of the Saudi Arabian Chapter of "La Chaine des Rotisseurs" are shown at the Hotel Al-Khazama in Riyadh celebrating their first anniversary.

## Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:29	12:30	12:01	11:48	12:12	12:42
Asr (Afternoon)	3:36	3:32	3:03	2:47	3:11	3:37
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:58	5:53	5:24	5:08	5:32	5:58
Isha (Night)	7:28	7:23	6:54	6:38	7:02	7:28

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## Assistance could benefit six countries

RIYADH, Jan. 11 (SPA) — Technical assistance to less developed and less experienced countries in the field of statistics was discussed here by the Arab League Permanent Technical Committee on Statistics. Committee members also discussed budget allocations which had been made in 1982.

The committee's ninth session is presided over by Ali Al-Rashed, the head of the Finance Ministry's General Statistics Department. The countries which will benefit from the assistance are North Yemen; South Yemen; Mauritania; Somalia; Sudan and Palestine.

Rashed said that the conferees reviewed each of the beneficiary countries' plans to use the assistance. The positive and negative aspects were weighed in the context of an extensive debate in which the donor states, the beneficiaries and some specialized organizations participated.

The meeting, which was opened by Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khail at King Fahd Conference Hall, was attended by heads of statistics and accounts departments in Arab countries and some Arab League organizations.

Aba Al-Khail stressed the importance of succinct data and statistics for the rational utilization of resources to achieve development. That is why, he said, the government has given earnest attention to the development of the general statistics department and its subsidiaries.

through this to the well-being of the less privileged.

Pursuing these objectives, informal monthly gatherings are organized over light luncheons at different places. It unites members and furthers friendships with other Bailliages (delegations outside France) are called bailliages which function under the direction of the world headquarters located in Paris, the Bailliage of Bahrain being one of them, with an active participation of the members of Riyadh at their regular gatherings.

In the Middle Age, the "Guilds" were formed in Europe. They contributed to the construction of many historical buildings, giving birth to culture, classical music, literature, painting, theater and culinary art.

Gastronomy, being a joyous way of life, has an old and very interesting history. In 1248 French King St. Louis formed a Guild of Spit-Roasters called "Les Ayers." They were given the privilege of roasting geese, a specialty that was particularly appreciated at that time.

It came under the royal patronage in the year 1610 with the official coat of arms of the Maîtrise des Rotisseurs. The guild prospered until 1789 and was dissolved when the French Revolution came in with fury.

While savouring a "gigot à la broche," three gastronomes — Curnonsky, prince-elect of Gastronomes, Dr. Auguste Bechart and Jean Valby — and two professionals — Louis Giraudon and Marcel Dorin pledged to restore the spirit of the old guild to the professionals in association with non-professional gastronomes and housewives.

This historic happening took place in the spring of 1950.

## Deal awarded for study on reuse of sewage water

DAVVAV, Jan. 11 (SPA) — A SR1.3 million contract has been awarded to a consultant company to carry out a feasibility study on developing filtered sewage water to be reused in irrigation and farming activities here and in Al-Khobar.



TIHAMA GOES PUBLIC: Sunday evening Tihama company for advertising and marketing research held its last meeting before going public. The meeting heard a report from the company's president Muhammad Said Taib who explained the achievements and future plans. The meeting approved the budget as it stood at Oct. 31, 1982 and the steps taken to turn the company public with a SR200 million capital.

## GCC adopts integrated agricultural strategy

RIYADH, Jan. 11 (SPA) — Agriculture ministers from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) concluded a one-day meeting here Monday night.

Agriculture and Water Resources Minister Dr. Abdul-Rahman Al-Sheikh said the ministers approved recommendations submitted by agriculture under-secretaries.

Sheikh highlighted the importance of agriculture in the Gulf region as it provided solid foundations for the economic development of the area.

"The agriculture sector not only represents food security for the region but also national security in view of the terrible international conflict," Sheikh said. "This calls for preserving the Arab individual's dignity and securing his economic and political independence."

Council Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara said agriculture represented a key sector in the council's development programs and noted the significance of achieving self-reliance in agriculture through collective strategy.

At the end of the final session Bishara said the resolutions reflected the collective approach towards the agriculture sector and

## Faisal award

### winners names expected today

RIYADH, Jan. 11 (SPA) — Members of the committee to select the winners of the King Faisal International Award held a meeting Tuesday at the headquarters of the King Faisal Charitable Foundation. The committee is expected to announce the names of this year's winners today at the end of its three-day-long meetings here.

Awards are given for distinguished studies and research work in Islamic studies, medicine and Arab literature. The committee has, for the first time, also announced a similar award in science.

The committee includes Second Deputy Premier and Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan ibn Abdulaziz, chairman of the foundation's secretariat council Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal, the head of the Al-Azhar Mosque in Cairo Jad Al-Haq Mutwalli Jad Al-Haq, Secretary-general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Habib Chatti, the Secretary-general of the Muslim World League (MWL) Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harkan, and two prominent Islamic scholars.

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Bishara said any member state could base its agriculture policy on this strategy. He added that sub-committees were set up to prepare the agenda of the next GCC agriculture ministers conference, due to be held in Qatar in October.

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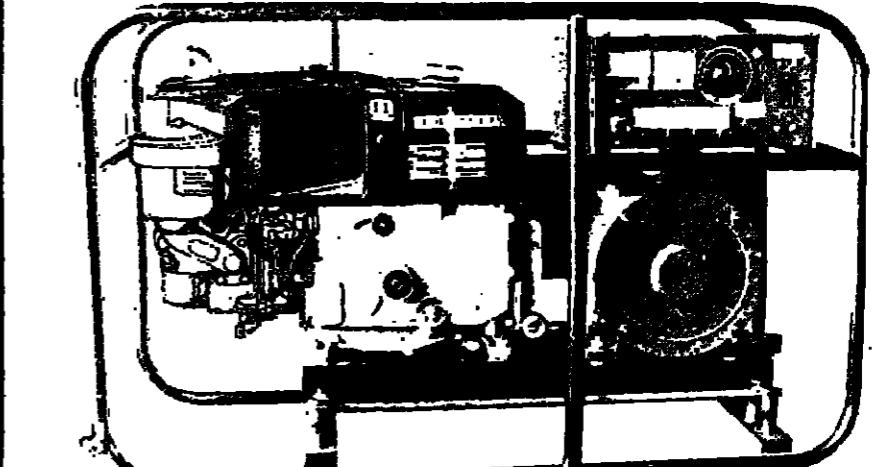
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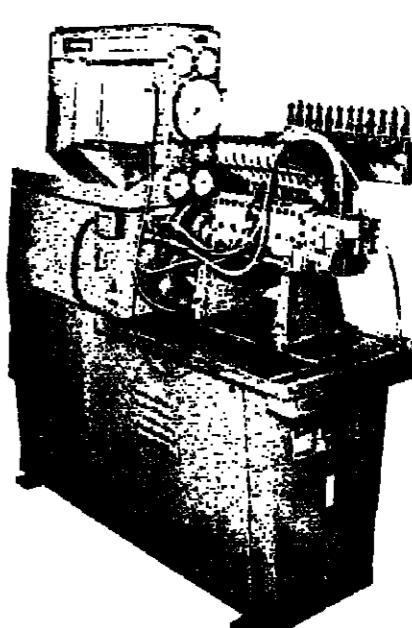


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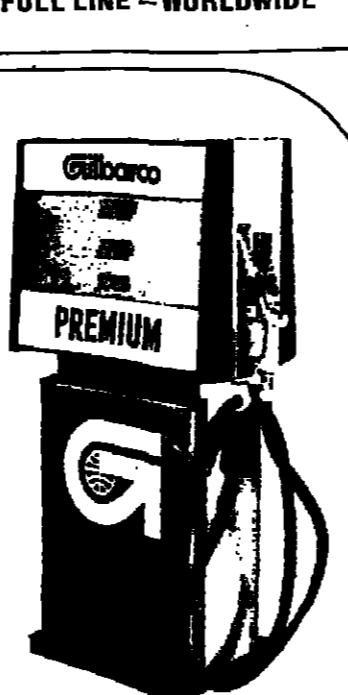
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**M.E. peace efforts**

# Israel opposes PLO inclusion in parley

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11 (AP) — Defense Minister Ariel Sharon Tuesday rejected the inclusion of Palestine Liberation Organization in any form in the peace talks delegation now being discussed by Jordan and the PLO.

A defense ministry communiqué said Sharon opposed PLO participation "whether overt or covert." This appeared to rule out the notion of a Jordanian delegation including negotiators who are not PLO members but who speak for the Palestinian movement.

In a separate statement to Israel Army radio, Sharon said "we are not prepared to talk with the PLO or people who speak for it."

However, he said, Israel was willing to negotiate with Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip who are interested in living with Israel. The only Palestinian group under Israeli occupation which does not swear allegiance to the PLO is the Village League Movement, an alliance of rural groups fostered by Israel as a counterweight to the PLO-influenced areas of the West Bank.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat and King Hussein of Jordan have been meeting in Amman to discuss joint Jordanian-Palestinian participation in peace talks in the framework of President Ronald Reagan's Mideast peace proposals.

Reagan's plan calls for Palestinian autonomy on the West Bank and Gaza with close links to Jordan, which ruled the territory until 1967. It rejects Israeli annexation of the West

Bank and Gaza, but also rules out Palestinian statehood.

Israel, which recognizes no Jordanian claim on the West Bank, has rejected the plan, saying it will only discuss limited self-rule for the territories and will continue to stake a claim for sovereignty over them. Reports from Amman say Arafat and Hussein were nearing accord on a joint delegation including non-PLO figures. Among those suggested as candidates are Fahd Qawasmeh and Muhammad Vilhem, elected West Bank mayors whom the Israelis expelled to Jordan in May 1980.

Qawasmeh and Vilhem are considered to be moderates in comparison to the PLO's hardline element, but the Israelis regard them as PLO supporters.

Meanwhile Arafat said in Amman, in a press statement after it was announced that the United States has transmitted a new series of Middle East peace proposals to King Hussein, that the U.S. must prove its credibility.

"Promises and even agreeability are not enough," he said. "Is the U.S. administration ready to put pressure on Israel to make it stop setting up settlement colonies in occupied territories?"

The Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), he said, although scattered in eight Arab countries, has been "admirably reconstituted."

"A just peace," he said, "is that of the strong. The weak have only the right to sur-

## Afghan freedom fighters kidnap 16 Soviet aides

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 11 (R) — Up to 16 Soviet civilian advisers were kidnapped in broad daylight from the Afghan town of Mazar-i-Sharif by freedom fighters last week, Western diplomatic sources said Tuesday.

Mazar-i-Sharif is the capital of Afghanistan's northern province of Balkh bordering the Soviet Union.

The sources, quoting reports from the area they believed to be accurate, said 14 to 16 advisers, two of them women, were abducted from the town's main bazaar.

The sources could give no date of the kidnapping but they said the town was in turmoil afterwards.

The authorities in Mazar-i-Sharif reacted by rounding up a large number of Afghan women to question them about the whereabouts of their menfolk, the sources said.

The women were later freed but the fate of the kidnapped people was not known.

The kidnapping was the third major resistance operation reported in less than a month.

Meanwhile, an Afghan Army brigadier serving in the defense ministry had defected to Pakistan complaining of excessive interference by Soviet advisers.

The Afghan Information and Documentation Center (AIDC) identified the officer as Brig. Muhammad Nawaz, who it said worked in the logistics section of the defense ministry.

Brig. Nawaz, like previous defectors, reported large-scale defections from the Afghan Army and heavy casualties in fighting against anti-government citizens. Soviet troops were also suffering heavy casualties, he added.

## Lebanon seeks expanded UNIFIL role

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 11 (AP) — With Israeli-Lebanese talks over troop withdrawals bogged down, the government of President Amin Gemayel has shown sudden interest in an expanded U.N. peacekeeping role in war-ravaged Lebanon, diplomatic sources say.

The sources said that Lebanon had suggested a broadened area of operations for the 7,000-man U.N. force, which has been in southern Lebanon for nearly five years and which was overtaken during Israel's invasion last June. Israel since has made clear it believes the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) has outlived whatever limited usefulness it might have had.

### News analysis

How far UNIFIL would expand beyond its present positions south of the Litani River has not been specified as yet, the sources said.

While confirming that expansion of the peacekeeping mandate was under consideration, Lebanese Ambassador Fakhri Saghiyah insisted that no decision had been made and that there had been "no official request on behalf of Lebanon."

"It all depends on developments," Saghiyah said, indicating that his government might be looking to the United Nations to supervise the withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon — if an agreement can be reached.

On Monday, U.S. President Ronald Reagan dispatched his special envoy Philip Habib back to the Middle East to help break the deadlock in the negotiations.

Saghiyah told a reporter that Lebanon is formally requesting that the Security Council give UNIFIL a six-month extension when its current three-month mandate expires on Jan. 19.

Since the Israeli invasion, UNIFIL has been reviewed by the 15-nation council for only two or three months at a time.

The sudden Lebanese interest in a broadened U.N. role prompted U.N. Undersecretary-General Brian Urquhart, chief of peacekeeping operations, to fly to Beirut last Wednesday to consult with the Gemayel government. Urquhart, who is expected to report back to U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar Tuesday, also stopped in Damascus and occupied Jerusalem.

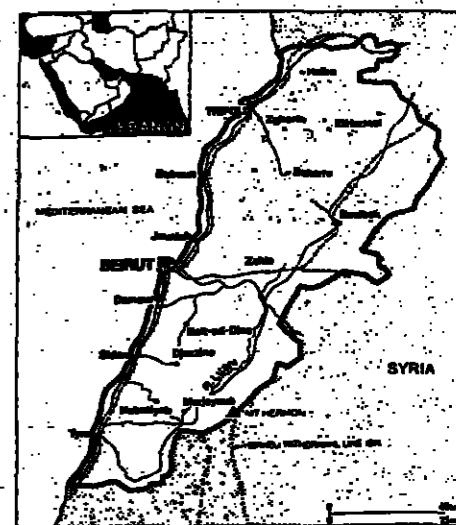
The subject is expected to come up when the secretary-general meets with Reagan in Washington on Friday. Perez de Cuellar will be making his first official visit to the White House since taking office a year ago.

Saghiyah insisted that there had been "no cooling off" of his government toward the three-nation multi-national force now in Beirut. The non-U.N. force is made up of 1,200 U.S. Marines and 3,200 other troops from France and Italy.

A diplomat from a UNIFIL troop-contributing country speculated that Lebanon was turning back to the United Nations because the Gemayel government has been unable to get commitments for a desired quadrupling of the multi-national force.

U.S. sources said that any enlargement of UNIFIL's patrolling area undoubtedly would require increasing the size of the 11-nation U.N. force. Because of the complexities involved, the sources doubted, given the limited time between now and Jan. 19, that the council could agree to more than extend UNIFIL's current mandate.

The U.N. Security Council is expected to meet on Jan. 18 to consider whether to renew the mandate of the U.N. force in Lebanon, UNIFIL a spokesman said Monday.



## Five killed in renewed violence

BEIRUT, Jan. 11 (AFP) — Five persons were killed — including two who were burned alive in their car — in violent clashes that erupted early Tuesday between Druze militiamen and Christian forces southeast of here, the official Lebanese radio reported.

The radio, citing police sources, said the fighting occurred in the regions of Kfarchima and Hadeth between Druze members of the Progressive Socialist Party and United Christian units known as the Lebanese Forces. It said the three deaths occurred in Sibary when artillery shells fell on the area. According to the radio, two shells also landed near the Presidential Palace in Baabda.

## Kibli bid to better Bonn ties

DOHA, Jan. 11 (AP) — Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Kibli was due to visit Bonn later this week in an effort to "prevent further deterioration in Arab-German relations," the Qatar state radio said.

The radio, in a report from its correspondent at Arab League headquarters in Tunisia, said Monday the visit was at the invitation of West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and followed "a shift" in Bonn's Arab-Israeli stance effected since Kohl took over.

"German officials have ignored any reference to the Middle East in their statements, while others say the Venice statement by the European Community on the Middle East

DOHA, Jan. 11 (AP) — African states may abandon efforts to reconvene the twice-failed 19th summit of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), according to Senegalese President Abdou Diouf.

"It will be very difficult to get the OAU going again," he said in an interview in the latest issue of the weekly news magazine *Jeune Afrique*.

The idea "was emerging," he said, of combining the 19th summit with the 20th this year.

Efforts have been going on to convene the 19th in the Addis Ababa, after two attempts to hold the summit in Tripoli last year foundered due to rows over Western Sahara, Chad and Libyan policies in Africa.

## BRIEFS

DJIBOUTI (AP) — The border crossing between Somalia and Djibouti at Loyada, 25 kilometers southeast of the town of Djibouti, has been closed since Saturday by the Somali authorities because of unrest in Somalia's northern province.

MANAMA (AP) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahibzada Yaqub Ali Khan arrived here Monday on the second leg of a Gulf tour aimed at discussing the possible future course of events in Afghanistan.

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A severe earthquake in northern Afghanistan last month killed more than 450 persons and devastated vast areas, an Afghan news agency reported. The quake measured over six on the Richter scale.

ANKARA (AP) — Turkey is to purchase 35 U.S.-built Phantom fighters from

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## 140 Soviet missiles sent to Cuba, America says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP) — The Soviet Union recently delivered about 140 SAM-3 missiles to Cuba, apparently to strengthen air defenses around Havana, U.S. intelligence sources said Monday.

The SAM-3s arrived in late December, closing out a second straight year of heavy Soviet arms shipments to Cuba's armed forces, already rated the most powerful in the region.

Shipments last year also included two or three additional MiG-21 jet fighters, said the sources, who declined to be identified. Cuba has more than 200 MiGs in its air force.

U.S. Defense Department officials estimated a month ago that the value of Soviet arms delivered in 1982 had topped \$1 billion, possibly exceeding the more than 66,000 tons of weapons provided by the Soviets to the

### BBC features

#### Asian opera

LONDON, Jan. 11 (AP) — Britain's first Asian soap opera, a chronicle of an immigrant Indian family's life and problems, premiered on British Broadcasting Corp. radio in Leicester, Tuesday.

Aimed at the large community of Britons of Asian descent in the east midlands of England, the twice-weekly series, called "Kabani April," meaning "our stories," begins with the heroine Leela's arrival in Britain and her marriage to her finance. The program is the brainchild of free-lance producer Jo Reeve, who set out to reach the Asian community and improve local understanding of ethnic problems. She chose local amateurs for the parts.

#### Sumatra floods affect 3,000

JAKARTA, Jan. 11 (AP) — More than 3,000 persons were trapped by floods earlier this month in eastern Sumatra, the daily newspaper *Kompas* reported Tuesday.

The report quoted a local official as saying no injuries were reported in the flooding, caused by the overflow of Indragiri River, in the Riau province, 1,500 kms northwest of Jakarta.

#### RAF pilot recalls shooting incident

WILDENRATH, West Germany, Jan. 11 (AP) — A British pilot whose Jaguar fighter was shot down over West Germany by another Royal Air Force plane testified Monday he was unaware at the time what had happened.

"There was a loud explosion and my aircraft became uncontrollable. I could hear at the same time my leader calling to me to eject. When I could see the sky again, I ejected. I had no idea at the time what had happened," said Flight Lt. Derek Griggs. Griggs made the statement in the first day of a court martial in which two British airmen are charged with negligence in shooting down the plane with a sidewinder air-to-air missile. Griggs bailed out before the crash and escaped injury.

The two airmen charged, Flight Lt. Roy Lawrence and Flight Lt. Alastair Inverarity, both of the 92nd Squadron, Royal Air Force Station Wildenrath have pleaded innocent. Their lawyers contend the sidewinder lacked proper safety devices.

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#### Greece queries America on Crete landings

ATHENS, Jan. 11 (AP) — Greece's air force chief has asked the U.S. Embassy for an official explanation for unauthorized landings last week by American military aircraft at Suda Bay Base in Crete, the government spokesman said Monday.

Spokesman Dimitri Maroudas said Lt. Gen. Nicholas Kouris asked the U.S. air attache to explain why six U.S. Phantom F-4 jets flew into Suda Bay between Jan. 5 and 8 without seeking landing permission from the Greek authorities.

He said the pilots claimed to have run out of fuel, but their planes were detained after it was discovered they were still carrying an adequate amount. An American Embassy spokesman said a U.S. military official had gone to Crete to examine the matter.

Local sources in Suda said another four Phantoms landed at the military airport Monday but took off again soon afterward. The U.S. Navy has air and naval facilities at Suda Bay, a deep water harbor with an airfield nearby. The facility is one of four main American military installations in Greece operated under a 1953 agreement which is now up for renewal. Talks on the future of the bases between Greek Deputy Foreign Minister Yannis Kapsis and U.S. negotiator Reginald Bartholomew began last October. They are due to resume soon.

#### Hearst abductors to work for law, computer firms

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11 (AP) — Bill and Emily Harris, the former urban guerrillas who pleaded guilty to kidnapping heiress Patricia Hearst, have "changed with the times" as their June parole date neared, their lawyer says.

But the man who prosecuted them for the 1974 abduction of the newspaper heiress says he doubts they have renounced their revolutionary ways.

The San Francisco *Examiner*, quoting unidentified sources, said in Sunday's edition that the former stalwarts of the tiny Symbionese Liberation Army will live in Oakland after their release from prison.

Harris will work for his lawyer as a paralegal. His wife has studied computers since the couple began serving their sentence of 10 years to life in June 1978 and will try for a job in that field, says Stuart Hanlon, the couple's attorney. "The times have changed and Bill and Emily Harris have changed with the times," Hanlon said. "They would never describe themselves as avowed revolutionaries."

Alex Selvin, the Alameda county district attorney who prosecuted the couple, never believed they would be released in 1983. And he doubts they've had a change of heart. "The real question is, does a revolutionary-terrorist ever change? The answer remains to be seen," Selvin said. Harris is scheduled to

#### Diamond vault plundered in Amsterdam

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 11 (AP) — Two armed robbers seized \$740,000 worth of diamonds from the diamond exchange here Monday, police said.

Police spokesman Jan Meijer said the two robbers presented themselves at the downtown exchange after making an appointment to buy a small but unspecified quantity of diamonds. "Without an appointment, it is impossible to get in," Meijer said, adding that the robbers "apparently" used forged identifications to get into the building, where most wholesale diamond trade is done in this city. After the men got in, they tied the hall porter to his chair and forced their way into the exchange manager's office, according to Meijer.

The manager was threatened with a pistol, Meijer said and forced to hand over the diamonds from the vault in his office. Meijer added that only a small amount of the exchange's diamonds are kept in the manager's vault. Police said the robbers escaped in a waiting car. There is no trace yet of the victims. Meijer said, adding that he could not say whether more people were involved in the robbery. The manager of the Amsterdam Diamond Exchange was unavailable for comment.

be released from the California men's colony at San Luis Obispo June 2. His wife's freedom will come the next day at the California Institution for Women at Frontera.

The Harrises struck a deal with prosecutors and pleaded guilty to kidnapping the then-Miss Hearst from her fiance's residence in 1974. The defendants had faced 13 felony counts, including kidnapping with bodily harm, which could have put them in prison for life.

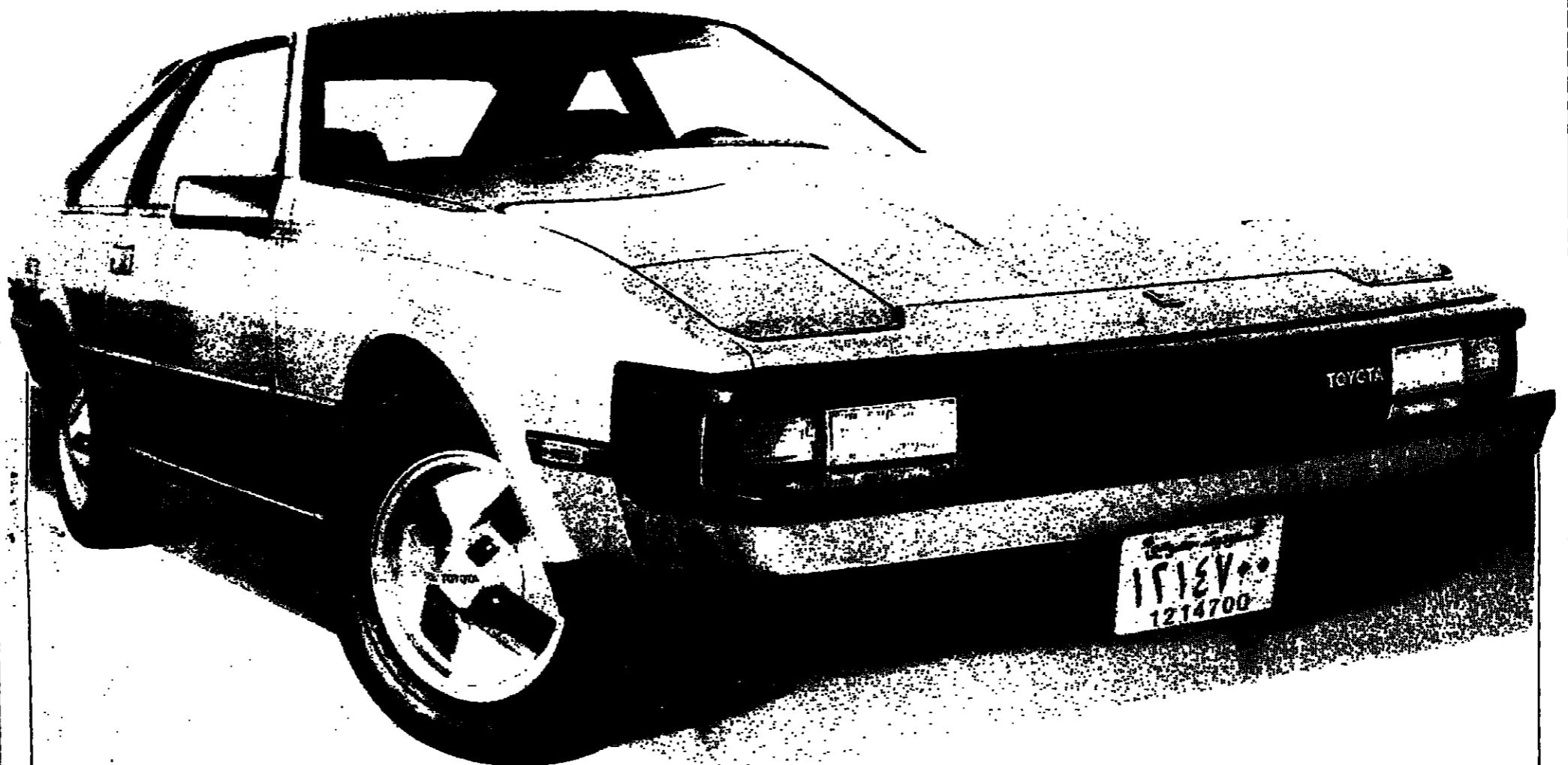
#### Venice to exhibit China treasures

PEKING, Jan. 11 (AFP) — China and Italy Monday agreed to hold a major exhibition of Chinese archaeological treasures in Venice later this year, the New China News Agency reported.

The exhibition will be held from June to December at the Doges Palace and will include the famed earthenware pieces from the Xian tomb of Emperor Shi Huang Di.

Venice Mayor Mario Rigo was present when the bilateral accord was signed in Peking Monday by Deputy Culture Minister Lu Zhixian and Italian Charge d'Affaires Graziella Simbolotti.

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Pretoria policy resented

## Top white official in Namibia to quit

WINDHOEK, Jan. 11 (Agencies) — The white head of South African-ruled Namibia's local government, Dirk Mudge, will formally offer his resignation to Pretoria's Administrator-General Danie Hough next Tuesday in protest at the "humiliating way" he says his council of ministers and the Namibian National Assembly have been treated.

Mudge's resignation, announced Monday night, will be followed by that of his ministers, who have limited executive powers in the former German colony, which is ruled by South Africa in defiance of the United Nations. The members of the Democratic Turnhawke Alliance (DTA), the multiracial coalition which Mudge heads in parliament, could also resign en bloc. Mudge said Monday night he would be seeing the DTA's controlling committee Monday.

Mudge said he was resigning because Pretoria had "frustrated and antagonized moderates in the territory by pandering to the wishes of certain whites", a reference to the Namibian branch of South Africa's Ruling National Party, which ensures overall white control in the Namibian Assembly.

"The DTA and myself have tried over the past few years to build up a moderate front based on cooperation between whites and blacks to ensure that radical elements do not take over after independence and to prevent racist tendencies asserting themselves, making it impossible for whites to stay here," Mudge added.

"I don't want to be part of this futile exercise any more and I can't associate myself with it any longer," Mudge's decision to resign was prompted by Hough's veto Monday

### 'Ripper' injured in jail attack

LONDON, Jan. 11 (R) — Convicted murderer Peter Sutcliffe, dubbed the "Yorkshire ripper" by the British press, was slashed three times in the face with a piece of broken glass by a fellow prisoner at Parkhurst Prison on the Isle of Wight, an official spokesman said Tuesday.

He said Sutcliffe, 36, jailed for life in 1981 for the murders of 13 women, was being treated in the prison hospital for an eight-cm gash on the side of his face and two smaller cuts around his left eye. The attack occurred Monday night when Sutcliffe went to get some hot water, the spokesman said. The attacker, who was not immediately identified, was restrained and taken back to his cell. "The (prison) governor is investigating the attack and the police will be called in," the spokesman added.

of a law passed by the National Assembly last November replacing South African national holidays by Namibian ones. The move had been opposed by the Namibian National Party, which said it should wait until independence. Mudge's resignation surprised no one here.

He had threatened to resign several times as relations deteriorated between himself and the South African authorities since last September, when Prime Minister P.W. Botha said the Namibian council of ministers must be replaced "by a more effective and more representative government."

The mandate of the Namibian National Assembly, elected in 1978 in South African-controlled elections which were boycotted by the main Namibian nationalist group, the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), was due to expire last November, but was extended by Pretoria until Feb. 28.

The administrator-general had been given orders to come up with a new Namibian government set-up comprising leaders of the five main ethnic groups in the territory, with no DTA connection.

Hough himself to be replaced Feb. 28 by a new administrator-general, gynecologist Willie Van Niekerk, a close supporter of Botha, who will have full powers until new elections, either "internal" or supervised by the United Nations with SWAPO participation, can be held. Observers believed Mudge's resignation can only increase Pretoria's hold on Namibia.

They felt it would make the achievement of independence for the territory more difficult as Pretoria, battling SWAPO guerrillas in northern Namibia, refuses to cooperate further with United Nations efforts until Cuban troops are withdrawn from neighboring Angola. U.N.-supervised elections, rather than "internal" ones, would pave the way for an internationally acceptable and recognized Namibian settlement.

Meanwhile, in Dar-Es-Salaam, President Julius Nyerere has accused the United States of stalling on independence for Namibia by pressuring for a withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

Nyerere made the remarks Monday evening at a reception for foreign diplomats at his state house residence. They were reported Tuesday by the government newspaper, *The Daily News*. "It is wrong for any nation to pursue its own national purposes at the expense of Namibia's independence," the president said. He added that the South African-controlled territory has an internationally recognized right to independence, and "that right does not depend upon America's liking or disliking the government of any third country."

## Marcos aides, church fail to reach accord

MANILA, Jan. 11 (R) — Leaders of the Philippine government and the Roman Catholic church have so far failed to reach an agreement on how to deal with radical priests accused by the military of involvement with outlawed Communist rebels.

In an unusual effort at cooperation, the two sides have held two rounds of talks on the issue, brought to head by a series of raids and arrests, and will meet again next month. The Philippines has become an important stage for a growing confrontation around the world between governments and activist priests. One Philippine priest, believed to have been a member of the Communist New Peoples Army (NPA), was killed and at least two were arrested in recent months. The military has put prices on the heads of several more.

Although President Ferdinand Marcos has denied that relations with the church are strained, church officials have complained of human rights violations while the government has questioned the political dimensions of the church's social programs.

The government's case was boosted when an arrested priest, Edgardo Kangleon, confessed publicly that he had joined the Communists in the central island of Samar while continuing to run a church social action center there. The controversy went to the conference table last month as 12 bishops met Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and some army generals at a sports club in a Manila suburb.

They drew up guidelines to serve as the basis for a working relationship between church and state on military action against radical priests and the military agreed to make a list of such priests. Suggestions on how to strengthen cooperation between the church and the military at the local level will be discussed at next month's meeting. But the talks have proved inconclusive on deeper issues, in particular on the cause of social unrest and on what the military considers as subversive.

The Catholic bishops' conference of the Philippines said the government should look into the causes of social unrest rather than merely react to manifestations of dissent. "Poverty, socio-economic-political ills, graft and corruption, military abuses, are, in the minds of many, among the most obvious root causes," the bishops said in a statement presented to the military at the last meeting.

They said that the government should understand that the church's mission in society is to stand squarely against injustice and oppression. The bishops also said they were aware of government efforts to correct military abuses, but they added, "... still we hear persistent reports of abusive soldiers going unpunished."

## 7 Kampuchean killed in Vietnamese shelling

BANGKOK, Jan. 11 (R) — Seven Kampuchean guerrillas were killed when Vietnamese-led forces shelled a strategic rebel-held village Tuesday in continued fighting close to the border with Thailand, Thai military sources said.

They said three other guerrillas of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) were wounded when 10 artillery shells and rockets hit the village of Yang Daeng Kum, which was overrun by rebels late last month. The Vietnamese-led forces, using T-54 tanks and armored personnel carriers, had earlier driven KPNLF forces from the village of Preav, a few kilometers south of Yang Daeng Kum.

The Thai sources, however, said fighting continued Tuesday around both villages, about six kilometers from the Thai border, in Battambang province. Three hundred fresh KPNLF guerrillas had been sent to the area.

### On military facilities

## U.S.-Portugal talks delayed

LISBON, Jan. 11 (R) — Portugal's four-week government crisis has caused a delay in negotiations on the renewal of a military agreement with the United States. U.S. Embassy officials said Monday.

The talks were postponed after Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemao resigned Dec. 19, but Foreign Ministry officials had predicted a new session on Monday. Officials said no meeting took place Monday and that no new date had been set. The only full negotiating session so far took place when formal talks began in Lisbon Dec. 6 — with the United States requesting military facilities in mainland Portugal for the first time.

### As rebels seize 13 positions

## Salvador minister to stay on

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 11 (Agencies) — Salvadoran Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia said Monday he had no intention of bowing to a demand for his resignation by the rebel military commander of the country's northern Cabanas province.

In his first news conference since Col. Sigifredo Ochoa Perez declared himself in revolt last week, Gen. Garcia said:

"The only person who can ask for my resignation is the president of the republic (Alvaro Magana) in his position as overall commander of the armed forces." Apparently buoyed by the rebellion in the ranks of the U.S.-backed army, El Salvador's left-wing guerrillas said they had captured 13 army positions in fighting Sunday and early Monday.

The sources did not have details of casualties among the Vietnamese and troops of the Hanoi-backed Heng Samrin government in Phnom Penh in the latest fighting which began Monday.

The battles appeared to be the fiercest since guerrillas loyal to Son Sann, premier in a Kampuchean resistance coalition, stepped up attacks on Vietnamese positions last month. Western military sources said the Vietnamese-led forces appeared determined to eject the KPNLF from the area around the two villages where their presence might block a Vietnamese advance on KPNLF border bases.

The KPNLF, whose 9,000 fighters normally attempt hit and run operations, risked being crushed by the Vietnamese who had at least 20,000 well-armed troops based along Kampuchea's western frontier, the sources said.

### On military facilities

## Casey admits CIA sabotage in Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AFP) — U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) chief William Casey has admitted that CIA-backed forces have carried out acts of sabotage in Nicaragua, including destroying bridges, congressional sources said Monday.

But the sources said Casey denied, in closed-door testimony before congressional intelligence committees last month that the United States was trying to overthrow Nicaragua's left-wing Sandinista regime. According to the sources, who asked to remain anonymous, the CIA director testified that the aim of the secret CIA activities was to stop the delivery of arms to guerrillas in neighboring El Salvador and to put pressure on the Nicaraguans.

Casey said that groups opposed to the Sandinista regime and working with the CIA had launched sabotage raids into Nicaragua, the sources reported. But he denied U.S. news media reports that the aim of CIA aid to anti-Sandinista elements was to overthrow the regime in Managua, they said.

### Reagan orders clampdown on news briefings

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AFP) — Frustration at further embarrassing White House leaks to the media. President Ronald Reagan Monday ordered a clampdown on contacts between his entourage and the media.

White House Communications Director David Gergen said the president was particularly irritated by a statement attributed to a White House official that his recent welcoming response to Soviet overtures was merely a public relations exercise.

He said Reagan was angered when he read in a newspaper after his news conference raising the possibility of a summit meeting with new Soviet leader Yuri Andropov that an unnamed White House adviser had tried "correcting the president."

### 18 die in Sumatra train disaster

JAKARTA, Jan. 11 (AFP) — Eighteen persons were killed and eight others injured when a train plunged into a ravine in Sawahlunto, West Sumatra, the evening newspaper *Sinar Harapan* (ray of hope) reported Monday.

A brake malfunction was believed to have caused the train to derail and plunge down the 15-meter deep ravine while heading for Talaban from the West Sumatra provincial capital of Padang, the paper added.

  
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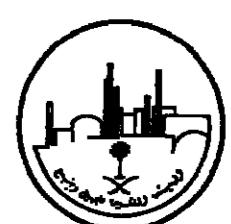
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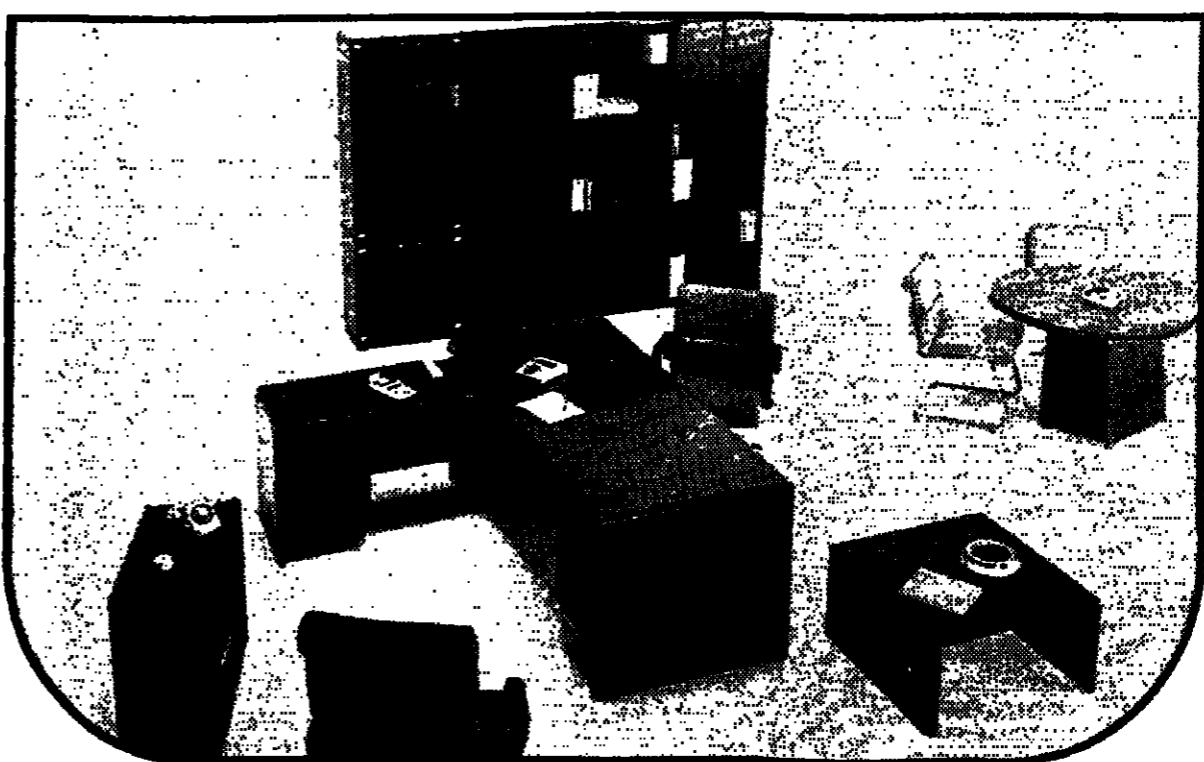
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Despite Hussein's firm stand

# U.S. luring Jordan with arms package

Special to Arab News

WASHINGTON — America's attempt to lure King Hussein into the Middle East peace talks by offering him an arms package was rejected as an unacceptable quid pro quo. But the Reagan administration continues to hope for his eventual acceptance.

During his recent round of talks in Washington, the Jordanian monarch was expected to make a statement about his possible acquiescence to Reagan's entreaties that he deal with Israel directly. Instead, Hussein restated his firmly held position that until Israeli troops withdraw from Lebanon and the Jewish state halts its creeping annexation of the West Bank, he will not be in a position to negotiate.

To sweeten the pot, American policymakers were willing to provide military hardware needed in upgrading Jordan's armed forces' requirements. King Hussein paid a visit to the American joint chiefs of staff at the Pentagon, during his Washington stay — the first such visit by an Arab head of state.

Armenia's military establishment is customarily eager to support perceived allies such as Hussein with sophisticated weapons. In the case of Arab states, Congress usually shoots down such proposals and manages to bog down the debates in endless committee meetings. The Israeli lobby can claim credit for such maneuvering.

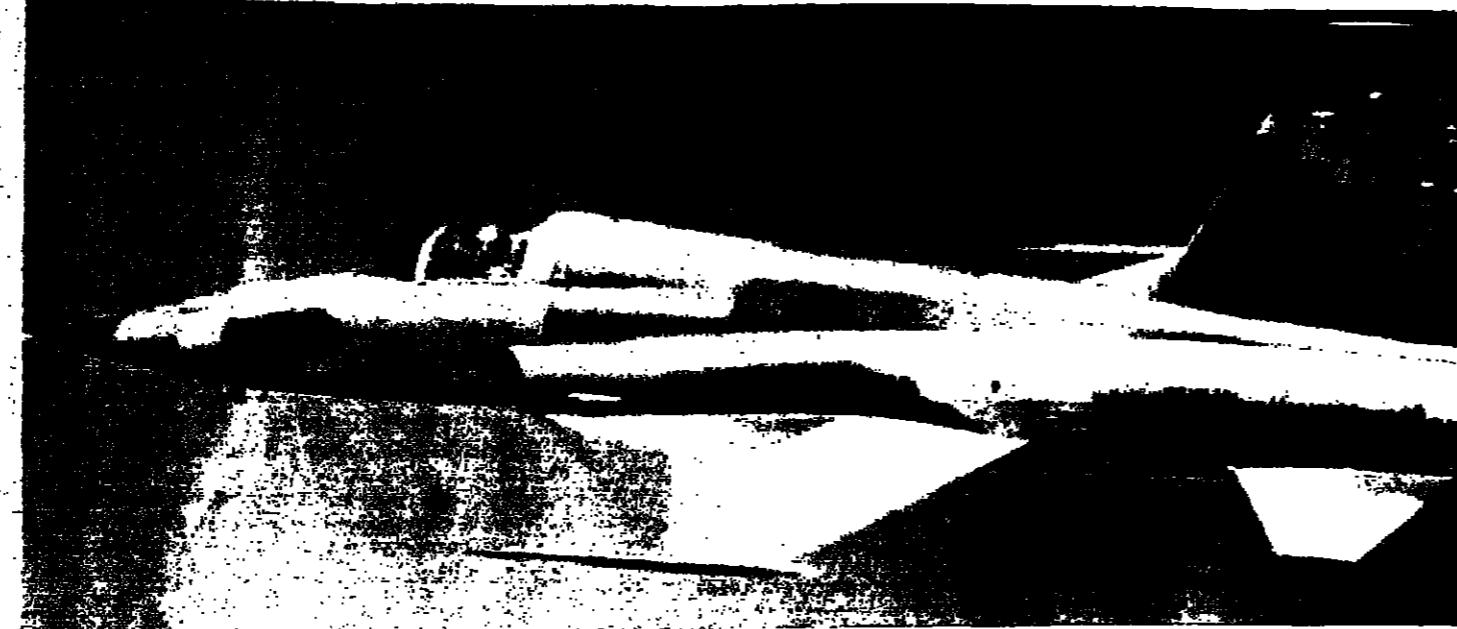
The U.S. offer to sell Jordan two squadrons of F-20 jet fighters and shoulder-fired Stinger anti-aircraft missiles is not what Hussein had in mind. The king is known to prefer the F-16 fighter-bomber and the mobile ground-to-air Hawk missiles.

The following is a qualitative description of each weapon:

**F-20:** (renamed from F-5 E/F Tiger II) is intended primarily to provide America's allies with an uncomplicated air superiority tactical fighter, which can be operated and maintained relatively inexpensively.

The aircraft's flexibility permits operation by day and night. Design emphasis is on maneuverability rather than high speed. A reconnaissance nose can be fitted for low/medium-altitude photo-reconnaissance.

The one-pilot plane carries a 30-mm



F-20: The U.S. offer of arms to Jordan includes many sophisticated aircraft like F-20. This picture was taken when the aircraft was in flight.

underbelly gun pod which has been used in simulated war games against pseudo Russian MiG aircraft, to the satisfaction of the Pentagon.

The F-20 reaches its maximum level speed of Mach 1.63 at 36,000 feet and a service ceiling of 51,800 feet. Its range with maximum fuel (plus a reserve of 20 minutes) is 1,543 miles.

The aircraft is armed with two AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles, two M-39A2 20-mm canons in the nose (with 28 rounds per gun), and up to 7,000 pounds of mixed ordnance. Optional armament includes laser-guided bombs.

**F-16 Fighting Falcon:** The F-16 is regarded as one of the most maneuverable fighters ever built. It is powered by a single afterburning turbofan engine. The fighter excels in air-to-air combat and delivery of air-to-surface weapons.

The fighter-bomber's digital avionics are integrated through a digital multiplex system, to reduce permanent wiring as well as to take

advantage of the versatility of modern high-speed computers.

The F-16 can only accommodate the pilot. Its maximum speed can reach Mach 2, with a service ceiling of more than 50,000 feet. The service range exceeds 2,000 miles.

The jet is equipped with one 120-mm multi-barrel cannon (with 500 rounds), mounted in the fuselage; externally-mounted infrared missiles; seven external stores stations for fuel tanks; and, air-to-air and air-to-surface munitions.

**Stinger Portable Antiaircraft Missile:** The Stinger is a shoulder-fired, infrared homing missile system whose mission is to provide air defense coverage to even the smallest of combat units.

The missile homes on the heat emitted by either jet or propeller-driven fixed-wing aircraft or helicopters. It uses a proportional navigation system, allowing it to intercept the target's course. It can destroy aircraft from any angle.

The missile can also be mounted to a variety of armored vehicles and light trucks. Its range exceeds 5,000 meters at a top speed of about Mach 2, and weighs in at 35 pounds.

**Improved Hawk Air-Defense Missile:** The Improved Hawk is an all-weather, low-to-medium-altitude air defense missile system.

The improved version has superior fire control, range, reliability and effectiveness against jamming.

The Hawk system, although never used in combat by U.S. forces, destroyed over a score of high-performance aircraft during the 1973 Arab-Israeli War.

A Hawk battery is made up of six or nine launchers with three missiles each, a missile transporter-loader, the information coordination center and five radars.

Improved Hawk is capable of engaging aircraft at altitudes ranging from less than 100 feet to more than 38,000 feet in all weather. The maximum effective range is about 25 miles. Its top speed is Mach 2.5, weighing in at 1,400 pounds.

## Interview with a Hong Kong Trotskyist

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON (LOS) — Agents from the Chinese Security Bureau offered Ng Chung-yin a choice of two roads, the bright or the dark. Ng chose the bright road — he became an informer.

That was on March 29, 1981. Within two weeks, every key member of China's tiny Democracy Movement had been secretly imprisoned for up to 15 years.

Ng, who is 36 and an engineer, is free and living in Hong Kong. Some have charged him with direct responsibility for the smashing of the dissidents, but in fact they had been under surveillance since the movement emerged at Peking's now defunct Democracy Wall in the winter of 1978. Back in 1981, Ng had risked much to cross the border into China to make contact with them.

He knew that, were he to be picked up by the Chinese Security Police, he would, as a mere Hong Kong resident, receive no British protection. Britain's view is that Hong Kong "belongs" in China should expect to be treated like Chinese. And he knew what happened to his friend Liu Sanching: he simply vanished after being arrested for visiting dissidents.

On the evening of Ng's detention, one of his arresting officers warned him: "You are now in a very dangerous position. You have been involved in counterrevolutionary activities and we can jail you forever."

When Ng arrived in Peking on March 11, 1981, he was representing a section of Hong Kong's Trotskyists, which had links with China's Democracy Movement. It was his second trip. In 1980, he had spent a day in Canton, one of China's most famous dissidents, Wang Xizhe, who had been detained under the Gang of Four, and is now once again behind bars.

The Democracy Movement was a hopeful sign after the terrible decade of the Cultural Revolution. Ng recalled during a recent visit to London: "But by 1981 they were already in trouble, and I knew that unless I saw those people soon, I never would for my whole life."

The crackdown on the dissidents was inevitable from the moment they shifted their attention from the past depredations of the Gang to the need for democracy. "They were too dangerous," Ng said. "They were a threat to the very principles of the party, to the right of the party to govern."

Even before he went into China for the second time, he knew that Party Documents Two and Nine had branded the Democracy Movement subversive and cautioned Chinese to stay away from it.

From March 11 to 21, Ng discussed politics in Peking with members of the movement. All were factory workers and many were disillusioned ex-Red Guards. They read each other's crudely mimeographed magazines and debated whether reform was possible and how much change there needed to be.

A tall lanky man who smokes cigarette after cigarette, Ng laughed bitterly. "Some of them imagined that Deng Xiaoping would reform the party. A bad mistake."

Ng spent most of his time in Peking with Yang Jing, a steel worker and editor of the now suppressed magazine *April Fifth Forum*, which had sold thousands of copies at Democracy Wall. Ng was impressed by the stoicism of Yang's wife. "She was pregnant. She told me she expected her husband to disappear some day, and that he might never see his child."

On March 28, Ng was setting out by train for Peking from Tianjin, where he had spent several days with local movement activists. "When I got into my compartment there were four security men there already, and then one, two, three, four more got on."

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DEMOCRACY WALL: There was a time when a hundred posters used to tatter and peel the Democracy Wall in Peking.

driven to Peking. It was a three-and-a-half-hour drive and no one spoke. After an evening meal in a house in the Peking suburbs, Ng was confronted by five interrogators, two of them high-ranking — "I could tell by their clothes" — a photographer, and two stenographers.

They wanted to know whom he had seen in China and warned him about life imprisonment. But I had a strange feeling, very strange, that they wanted to make an accommodation." On the second day, March 29, Ng's captors accused him of subversion and counterrevolution, very serious crimes. "Because I was a Trotskyist, by definition I was a counterrevolutionary."

During the four days of interrogation in Peking, Ng slept every night with two police officers sitting in his room. "But no one ever touched me. They were usually very polite." Before long he agreed to the typical Communist penalty of a long, signed confession.

"It was the price of getting away but I knew it could be used against me in court," Ng claims he described his contacts in general terms, but as he was completing the confession another condition was imposed "to serve the people."

"They said it was easy. All I had to do was go back to Hong Kong, continue my work in the Revolutionary Movement and report to

Speedboats threaten survival

By Peter Kieran

MIAMI (R) — Florida manatees, large seal-like creatures which ancient mariners probably mistook for mermaids, are in danger of dying out, thanks partly to man.

The ugly, gentle manatees once thrived in Florida's offshore waters and inland rivers. But they have declined dramatically in numbers since records were first kept six years ago, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Dying at the rate of about 100 a year since then, they now number only about 1,000 in the United States, the service said.

Since the 1940s, manatees have been slashed to death by power boats, crushed the locks of Florida's extensive canal systems and further eradicated by unseasonably cold waters and "red tides" — occasional influxes of marine microorganisms that are deadly to some sea life.

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Experts on the placid creatures, which cruise near the surface of the water and nibble on bottom grass and even overhanging foliage, say there is scarcely a U.S. manatee alive that does not bear scars on its back from speedboats.

In all, 123 of the creatures died from natural and man-inflicted causes last year, the highest number in any of the past six years.

The Florida or West Indian manatee, which can weigh up to 1,000 kg and reach a length of 3.3 meters, is a relative of South American and African manatees.

David Peterson, manatee coordinator for the wildlife service, said the U.S. animals, believed to have a natural life span of around 50 years, travel for most of the year from Mississippi and North Carolina to Florida.

In the winter they gather in Florida in known areas — some next to nuclear power plants — where the waters are warmest.

The massive, thick-skinned and nearly hairless animals have been protected in the state since 1893 and the waters of their known habitats are posted with speed limit signs for boaters. But a spokesman for the Florida mariner patrol said citations for violating the speed limits were made "almost daily."

Famous people have defended the cause of the animals, and television commercials sponsored by various groups have resulted in fewer deaths by power boats over the last three years, according to Peterson.

He said boat fatalities were down to 21 last year from 24 the previous year, but this slight drop could be due merely to the fact that there were fewer manatees around. Of known deaths last year, three were the result of being crushed in flood control gates, one drowned after being entangled in a shrimp net and 14 were calves that did not have the strength or protection to survive.

## of manatees

# Another Look

## Good news for Reagan

By Robert Yoakum

industrial barons."

One of the tycoons mentioned, by the way, was the man who launched *Ultra* magazine, Harold Farb. Farb set aside \$5 million to bankroll *Ultra*, which is only one of several "pet projects" for the Houston real estate man. Another is to rent a recording studio and a 50-piece band in order to cut records of himself singing. The albums are given away to friends. Cost: \$100,000 for each session.

Then came another *Wall Street Journal* story that would have been certain, if he had seen it, to lighten the president's spirits. The Celestial Suite at the Astro Village Hotel in Houston was named the most expensive in the world: "For \$3,000 a night — coffee not included — you get a 12-seat Jacuzzi bathtub, a shower with room for six, a mini-Astrodomo rumpus room... and bedrooms whose gaudy decoration evoke the lifestyle of Tarzan, P.T. Barnum, Fu Manchu, and Lady Chatterly. All in all, there are 13 rooms oozing with eccentric opulence..."

There were other potential morale-booster of this sort throughout the month, capped in September by *Forbes* magazine's list of America's 400 wealthiest people. It would have been reassuring to Reagan, who for most of his life has lamented assaults on private wealth by decades of confiscatory taxes, to discover that 13 Americans are worth \$1 billion or more and that 32 are worth more than \$500 million.

Evidence that not all the economic news was bad continued right into December when — again on the same day — The *Wall Street Journal* carried two stories that would have brought cheer to the White House:

"Retailers serving the well-to-do are expecting a top-notch fourth quarter," said the first story. The second, under the head "Some Holiday Gifts Command Sky-High Prices Despite the Recession," listed gifts ranging from a \$2.4 million roller coaster advertised by a Dallas firm down to a toy giraffe that F.A.O. Schwartz sold at \$1,400. A San Francisco store was selling bowls of brined fruit at \$425 each.

To judge from the president's grumpiness on the subject of news coverage, I assume that he simply didn't have time to read these upbeat stories about the economy. It's too bad. They would have been good for his morale, and it would be reassuring to know that one's best friends won't want for caviar mousse, servants in togas, and golden pheasants.

## A Texas mayor raises funds selling potholes

By Susan Saporito

Houston Bureau

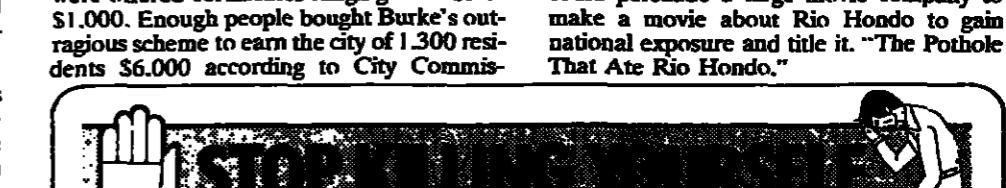
HOUSTON — From pet rocks to "pedigree pet potholes," a Texas mayor is playing his "ace in the hole" to rid his city of road hazards.

Rio Hondo Mayor Jeff Burke first started his constituents by trying to fill this Rio Grande hamlet's potholes by peddling them as pedigree pets to eccentric buyers. Burke said he came up with the idea while talking to his wife one day about the plaguing road problems.

"My wife said she wished we could just sell the potholes and I got to thinking that people would buy pet rocks why not pedigree pet potholes?" the 60-year-old mayor said.

All those potholes sprang up in Rio Hondo in 1980. The area's rich soil and semi-tropical climate affords a 341-day growing season and lots of moisture for new potholes to be born during the frequent rainy weather.

Prospective pedigree pet pothole owners were offered certificates ranging from \$5 to \$1,000. Enough people bought Burke's outrageous scheme to earn the city of 1,300 residents \$6,000 according to City Commiss



Dr. Peter J. Steinrohr M.D., F.A.C.P.

## SICK OF DIETING, READY FOR SURGERY

Dear Dr. Steinrohr: Publishers and authors should pay me quite a commission. I don't think there's a diet book ever published during the past 10 years that I haven't bought. Result? Zero! I simply can't lose. Perhaps a few pounds for a month or so, then it all comes back — and more. I'm 45 and 5-feet-2, but I now weigh close to 180 pounds. As you can see, I consider myself a mess. So much so, that I'm sick of dieting and am ready for surgery. What do you think of the new stapling of the stomach operation to lose weight? I'm willing to undergo the expense and pain of operation if it can be done.

— Mrs. D.

Dear Mrs. D.: In your case, I don't think much of it. (Unless your doctor finds some specific reason why you should undergo surgery, and I'm not hedging.) I can understand how frustrating it is for you to still be overweight. But, such surgery is usually not advised unless patients are at least 100 pounds overweight, and if there's serious illness that must be corrected. Even in patients who are considered "fit" subjects for the stomach-stapling operation, too often complications result. In some, severe gastrointestinal complaints are common. A large percentage of patients regain their weight within a year or two. They overeat and the stomach stretches in spite of the stapling to make it smaller. Recently, there have been reports that some patients suffer a vitamin B deficiency. Not enough food is absorbed to maintain good health.

As you see, I'm not too enthusiastic, Mrs. D. You and your doctor will need to make the decision. All I'm saying is "don't rush into surgery" unless there's a good reason for it.

## MEDICAL ETTERS

Dear Dr. Steinrohr: My teenage son goes for athletics. He's on the high school football and baseball teams. Before a big game, he insists that I prepare a large steak and a side of three scrambled eggs. He says this increases his vitality. Don't you think it's too much protein? — Mrs. N.

Dear Mrs. N.: It's not too much protein. But, the question is, does he require any special diet before play? Why not get in direct touch with his high school coaches? Let them tell you what's best for your son. Incidentally, some trainers believe that large amounts of carbohydrates immediately before game-time provide better energy and strength. They prefer it to a high protein meal.

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Dear

*By cutting crop acreage*

## Reagan acts to firm up low farm prices

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (R) — President Ronald Reagan went ahead with a plan to overcome depressed farm prices by offering surplus commodities to farmers who agree to reduce crop acreage. Agriculture Secretary John Block said Tuesday.

The previously announced plan, known as payment-in-kind (PIK), was launched by Reagan in a speech to the American Farm Bureau Federation in Dallas Tuesday.

### Asia seen to top global growth rate

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (AP) — Asia's economic growth rate will be the world's highest in 1983, according to a report issued by economists at the United States' sixth-largest bank.

The Asian contribution to the rise in world gross national product — the total production of goods and services — will nearly equal that of the United States and will be double that of Europe, the Chemical Bank study predicted.

It also said Asian countries, led by Singapore, will experience better growth in 1983 than in 1982. "Real GNP in Asia is expected to increase by \$82 billion (3.5 percent) in 1983 after an estimated \$66 billion (3 percent) rise in 1982. Although this growth does not match the 1981 rate of 4 percent, it does represent a moderate recovery," said Eric Rasmussen, Chemical vice president and one of the co-authors of the report.

Congress failed to complete action on it in the post-election session last month and Reagan had decided to use his own powers to put it into effect, Block said.

The secretary said the scheme would save \$3 to \$5 billion in 1983 and 1984 by reducing government-held surpluses and turning stocks over to farmers who cut production of foodgrains, wheat, rice and cotton.

Although the aim was to firm up depressed farm prices, the increases would hardly be felt, he said. The cost of a bushel of bread would go up by less than one cent — "so small you can't even see it."

Block said farmers needed help because demand for record grain production had eroded and they faced recession, financial instability overseas, the strong U.S. dollar, East-West tensions, unfair competition by some countries and restrictive market actions by foreign buyers. Farmers are demanding action by the government to stop prices for their products falling.

Violence broke out twice last week in farm states. Tear gas was used to disperse farmers trying to stop the sale of a farm in Colorado.

Farmers currently receive cash subsidies for agreeing to take 20 percent of their acreage out of production. The PIK scheme will enable them to take out another 30 percent and receive government-held surpluses in return.

According to Block, the plan has three benefits. Farmers would receive commodities without paying for fertilizer and other necessities used in crop production, government costs for storing surpluses would drop, and the cut in acreage would firm up prices.

## IMF lends \$882 million to Santiago

SANTIAGO, Jan. 11 (AP) — The International Monetary Fund has awarded Chile \$882.45 million credit in what officials here say is a show of confidence that will help attract private loans to lift the economy out of a recession.

The loan approved Monday in Washington by the board of the 147-nation lending agency will also help Chile, hard hit by slumping prices for its copper exports, to pay for imports and service a \$1.7 billion foreign debt without asking banks to reschedule it.

Critics of Gen. Augusto Pinochet's military regime say the IMF's conditions will tie Chile to the same conservative measures that contributed to a 13 percent shrinkage of the economy last year and 20 percent unemployment.

The IMF, which requires strict limits on public spending, approved a \$3.9 billion loan to Mexico last Dec. 23 and is expected to clear a \$2 billion credit to Argentina this month. A \$5 billion loan to Brazil may reach the board next month.

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### Sequel to peso crisis

## Mexican honeymoon with imported goods ends

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 11 (AP) — The weakness of the Mexican peso, combined with tough government restrictions, is ending this nation's middle class honeymoon with increasingly expensive, imported consumer goods.

Foreign-made television sets, audio and video recording equipment, clothing, clocks and decorative figures can still be found, but supplies are dwindling.

Shopkeepers say most items that remain were brought in months ago, when it took fewer pesos to buy a dollar and before a government clampdown on imports.

The peso opened the year at 27 to the dollar. The latest price is 150 pesos to the dollar — almost six times as much as a year ago.

As a result, stores that stocked their shelves with imports are gradually substituting Mexican-made products or facing the possibility of closing because they will price themselves out of the market.

The problem even affected Christmas trees this year. Imports were prohibited, so the traditional symmetrical pines from the United States and Canada were rare. The board next month.

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With debt at \$89b

## Joblessness stares Brazilians in the face

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 11 (R) — Millions of Brazilians, many living in bad housing and eating poor food, seem certain to go on struggling against a continuing job shortage as the country faces on to the consequences of owing the world's biggest foreign debt.

The government is being forced to cut investment, curb imports and slash food subsidies in cope with debts totaling \$89 billion, and foreign bankers expect no growth in the economy this year and hardly any in 1984 or 1985.

The debt was built up to sustain growth in the 1970s, the bankers say, and big projects financed by foreign loans at that time will slow down. As a result, the huge steel mill backed by British financing has once more been delayed.

Investment in real terms by Brazil's sprawling state sector will fall 20 percent in 1983 over 1982, cutting jobs in capital goods industries, industry officials said.

This will hit the millions of Brazil's 123 million population still unemployed or underemployed, living in rural areas or near major cities in makeshift shantytowns, whose

conditions have changed little over the years. Brazilian inflation almost reached 100 percent last year, and though no overall unemployment figure is available, jobs in São Paulo industries fell 5.3 percent to 1.7 million in the first 10 months of 1982. A spokesman for the State Industries Federation said: "1983 will be a tight, difficult year, with no more jobs."

Brazil has been forced to go to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for an emergency loan estimated by bankers at \$4.9 billion, and agreed to a tight IMF economic program.

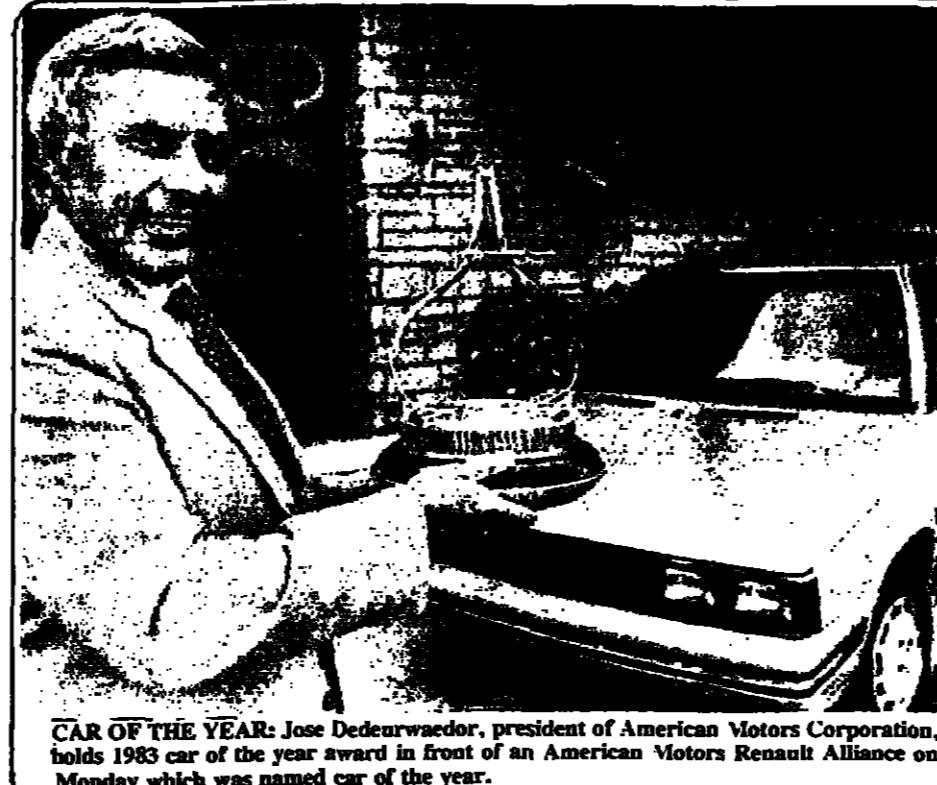
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### To reduce deficits

## U.S. may hike taxes in '85

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan is giving serious thought to seeking higher taxes for 1985 and beyond to bring the government's burgeoning budget deficits under control, administration sources said Monday.

One source, asking not to be identified by name, said the president appeared receptive in general to the tax idea during a meeting Monday with senior economic advisers, and ordered the Treasury Department to develop specific proposals.

Reagan, facing awesome deficits that could swell from a record \$200 billion in 1984 to nearly \$300 billion by 1988, was also considering proposals for reducing his military spending plans, freezing spending for certain non-military programs and helping the unemployed.

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### Financial Reporting

## Dollar stages late recovery

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Jan. 11 — The dollar had mixed fortunes Tuesday but managed a late recovery as Eurodollar deposit rates slightly firmed after an erratic start. The British pound on the other hand had one of its most disastrous days and fell back by nearly 3 cents in heavy selling to be traded at the 1.5670 levels compared to just over the 1.600 level on Monday.

The Bank of England was seen to intervene only moderately Tuesday and dealers' concerns were sharpened when the Bank of England apparently signalled to the markets that it was not prepared this time around to allow U.K. interest rates to rise to help out the beleaguered pound.

The sterlings fall was precipitated by rumors of an early British general election in the spring and the markets decided that both the conservative and labor parties were not too adverse to seeing the pound being unofficially devalued. The point was vigorously denied by U.K. treasury officials, but the Bank of England's refusal to help out sterling in more unqualified manner when it fell below the 1.600 level left the markets confused.

The bullion markets had another record trading day and gold and silver prices added further gains to their strong Monday level starts. Gold briefly touched the \$491 an ounce level but settled at \$488 — still nearly \$12 up over Monday prices. Silver prices were also about 10 cents up at around the \$12.18 an ounce trading range. Bullion dealers are worried that a bout of profit-

taking could take the precious metals down but feel that the trend for both gold and silver are definitely on the upturn with interest rates falling rapidly round the world.

The local markets certainly seemed to suggest this was so, for riyal deposit rates fell back to their lowest level for several years, especially in the short-dated funds. The week-fixed tenor was quoted — and not even dealt — at prices of 3½ - 4 percent levels, while the one month JIBOR fell to 4% - 5% percent. This is nearly ¼ percent lower over comparable Monday prices and a full 1½ percent down over prices of a week ago.

Once again both local institutions as well as the offshore OBUs — Bahrain based banking units — were caught in a state of confusion and dealers were not fully prepared to deal beyond the extreme short-dated funds. The spot exchange riyal/dollar rates remained unsteady at around the 3.4400-05 levels all day.

In Europe, the dollar seemed to be continually underpinned by the belief that the falls in U.S. interest rates will be offset by similar falls in Europe interest rates. Thus, while Eurodollar one-month deposit rates are now quoted at around 8½ percent the dollar managed to rise against the various currencies after a weak start on Monday. The yen was the steadiest at 227.80 levels but the mark fell back to 2.3480 (from 2.3360), the Swiss franc to 1.9250 (from 1.9180), the French franc to 6.6380 (from 6.6050 levels).

## Abu Dhabi population soars

ABU DHABI, Jan. 11 (WAJ) — The

population of the emirate of Abu Dhabi was

estimated in mid-December 1981 to be

approximately 520,777 persons with an absolute

increase of 308,965 persons as compared

with the population in 1975. The average

annual rate of increase between the two years

was around 15.3 percent.

This is disclosed in the 1981 statistics

released by the department of planning.

The statistics cover data on meteorology,

population, agriculture, industry, foreign

trade, transport, health, education, culture

and tourism.

The number of newborn babies in Abu

Dhabi area increased from 9777 in 1980 to

10,354 in 1981. Out of this number, 35 per-

cent were nationals in 1980 and 31 percent in

1981.

In Al Ain area the number of births was

5,581 babies in 1980 and 6,085 in 1981 of

this number nationals represented 40 percent

in 1980 and 38 percent in 1981. The average

annual rate of increase amounted to approxi-

mately 13 percent in Abu Dhabi area and 9

percent in the Al Ain area.

In the field of health, the statistics revealed

that hospital beds in Abu Dhabi increased

from 1,114 beds in 1980 to 1,116 beds in 1981

with resident patient in government hospitals

rising from 35,578 persons in 1980 to

36,974 in 1981, the average annual rate of

injury rate.

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## U.S. banks trim prime rate to 11 %

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (AP) — Several

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## Paris-Dakar Rally takes a nasty twist

CHIRFA, Niger, Jan. 11 (AP) — Two competitors were overcome by escaping exhaust fumes from their car, three motorcyclists were injured and several competitors hopelessly lost in the dramatic 532-kilometer desert stage of the Paris-Dakar Rally between Djanet (Algeria) and Chirfa Monday.

French brothers Roland and Christian Maussi were discovered unconscious from exhaust fumes inside their Peugeot Dangel. A doctor gave first aid instructions to the rescuers over the radio, while they waited to be flown to safety by helicopter.

But concern mounted as night fell and the awaited helicopter, which had already flown the three injured motorcyclists back to Djanet to await transport to hospital, was apparently unable to take off again. First sign that this tough stage of the Rally had gone wrong came when officials, who set up a check point 100 kilometers out, saw nothing but empty desert where there should have been the first arrivals.

From their helicopter, race organizer Thierry Sabine spotted a number of competitors, who had left the correct route and taken a drastically wrong turning toward Libya, all blindly following the other. And in between alarming reports were coming in of accident victims. Three motorcyclists had crashed within minutes of each other.

The injured were French riders Philippe Joineigh, who suffered head injuries, and Marc Jallon with a bad leg fracture and Rikkus Lubbers of the Netherlands with a fractured shoulder. Thierry Sabine was finally able to direct the convoy of strayed competitors toward Chirfa.

Stage 12, France's Andre Trosat in a Lada for the auto category, 12 minutes ahead

### In World Flying Dutchman

## West German yachtsmen top

MELBOURNE, Jan. 11 (AP) — West German yachtsmen Anton Schwarz and Peter Froschel won the 1983 World Flying Dutchman Championships held on Corio Bay at Geelong during the past week.

Last year's world champion Albert Bätzill, also of West Germany, could only manage 10th place in the seven heat series.

Swedish yachtsmen Bengt Hagander and Magnus Kjell, who led the series until their boat capsized in the last two heats, were relegated to second place amongst the 43 competitors.

The race, already postponed by a day because of high winds, was delayed for six hours because of bad weather. The boats set off in moderate westerly winds, but yachtsmen braved vicious squalls of up to 40 knots toward the finish, with Schwarz and

of overall leaders Belgian endurance ace Jacky Ickx and his French actor partner Claude Brasseur, who nevertheless maintained the overall lead. France's Hubert Auriol on a BMW took the stage in the motorcycle category to capture the overall lead.

Meanwhile, European Formula Two champion Oscar Larrauri of Argentina could become second driver to France's Jean-Pierre Jarier in the French Formula One team. Jarier, this season it was reported in Paris.

Liger team manager Jean-Pierre Paoli said that only money could stand in the way of his joining the French stable. "I made contact with Larrauri about two months ago and he is one of the strongest candidates any Formula One team could want... budget permitting," he said.

The Argentine's manager, Domingo Cutuli, has asked between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 as the price of putting Larrauri behind the wheel of a Ligier car, a price which Paoli considers "a hefty sum, but not unreasonable when you consider the cost of a Formula One season. We will see."

Larrauri has recently signed a contract as third driver with Italian Euroracing stable Alfa Romeo, but nevertheless still hopes to become Jarier's teammate.

The deadline for signing-up of drivers is Jan. 31, but Larrauri is unmoved by anxiety. There is still a lot of room for maneuver," he said. Manager Cutuli stresses, however, that Ligier are not the only people interested in his protege, who is apparently being courted by Arrows as well as two or three other English teams, notably Toleman.

Froschel crossing the line first.

Meanwhile, Billy Dunlop, the American yachtsman who crossed the Atlantic last year in the smallest sailboat ever, said recently he now wants to go around the world in it. "I hope to sail right round the world, starting next summer," Dunlop said as he stood next to his 9-foot (2.7 meter) craft, *Wind's Will*, on a stand at the International Boat Show in London.

Dunlop, 41, a barrel-chested man with curly hair and beard, who hails from Hennepin Falls, Maine, said his target for the journey is August.

Dunlop crossed from Portland, Maine, to Falmouth, Cornwall, in 78 days last summer. Circumnavigating the globe could take him a year or more and be very dangerous. What did his wife and daughter say about it?

Like Hashim, Hunt has etched his name in

GOING STRONG: Former world racing champion Jacky Ickx (at the wheels) and teammate French actor Claude Brasseur, who despite finishing 12 minutes behind France's Andre Trossat in the desert stage of the Paris-Dakar Rally, maintained their overall lead in the auto category.

### On World Squash scene

## Jahangir shines brightly among Pakistan galaxy

By A. Majid Khan

KARACHI, Jan. 11 — Jahangir Khan, the teenage sensation from Pakistan, remained unconquered for the last 18 months. And in that period added yet another feather to his cap when on Nov. 16 in Birmingham, he retained the World Open Squash title. Once again his rival in the final was an Australian. He was Dean Williams, seeded sixth, who reached the final by eliminating two Pakistanis, Hidayah Jahan and Oamar Zaman. Jahangir, the 18-year-old top seed, dropped only one game in the 64-man championship, while virtually destroying the 26-year-old challenger in only 63 minutes. He won 4-2, 6-4, 9-1, 9-1.

Jahangir's triumph is the second in-a-row in the Sixth World Championship. A feat which no other Pakistani has achieved since the championship was instituted in 1975.

The World Championship had been monopolized by the all-time great, Geoff Hunt of Australia. Hunt remained invincible for no less than a decade and during this period the Australian maestro ruled the world of squash which in the fifties was in the possession of Hashim Khan.

Like Hashim, Hunt has etched his name in

squash history with unique feats in international arenas. He was the only man who could better Hashim Khan's record of seven victories before announcing his retirement from international squash.

In March he had entered in the prestigious British Open, but had to withdraw on medical grounds before the beginning of the championship. It brought an end to his illustrious career.

But before that Jahangir Khan, 17 years younger, provided the biggest shock to Hunt at Toronto in November 1981. Hunt, the top seed and favorite to retain the world title for the fifth time in-a-row, became a fallen hero. He lost his crown to a new squash prince from Pakistan.

Jahangir battled for 109 minutes and emerged winner: 7-9, 9-1, 9-1, 9-1. Jahangir had beaten Hunt before in other international tournaments but it was his victory in the world tourney which gave him the stamp of a champion. It was his first appearance in the World Open and he put Pakistan back on top of world squash with his wonderful performance.

Pakistan's Oamar Zaman was twice beaten finalist, and Mohibullah Junior once, before Jahangir broke the Australian's hold to restore Pakistan's prestige in world squash. Jahangir, whose name means the conqueror of the world, undoubtedly lived up to his name.

Pakistan is proud of Jahangir Khan and he was honored recently with the highest reward in sports. He was awarded the President's Pride of Performance Medal by the government for his memorable achievement in international sports. The award also carries a cash prize of Rs. 20,000 (\$2,000).

The Pride of Performance Medal is awarded to sportsmen for excelling in any field. And for Jahangir Khan it was a historic one. No Pakistani in any sports field has been honored with this award at such a young age. His father, Roshan Khan, the finest stroke player of his era, and the only man to beat Hashim Khan in the 1956 British Open final, is also the recipient of this award. But he got it not as a teenager.

Actually, Jahangir came into the limelight with his amazing performance in the 1979 World Amateur Squash Championship. He was not selected in the 4-member Pakistan team as he had finished fifth in the national trials held at Peshawar. But he competed in the individual event, as his name was recommended by the Pakistan Squash Rackets Federation.

Jahangir, one of the seven squash colts of PIA, getting Rs. 225 as stipend per month, was a highly talented youngster. PIA gave him air passage and other facilities for taking

### In Alkhobar Softball

## Northrop teams to the fore

By Karen Laviola

ALKHOBAR, Jan. 11 — Both Northrop's men's and women's softball teams have captured the winter season's Alkhobar Softball League Championships.

For the fourth straight year, the Hawkettes have bested all seven other teams in the women's league to take the title. Their first defeat in three years came at the hands of Safeway in their first encounter in the 14-game season. However, the Hawkettes capped off the season in style with a 12-4 win over the league's All Stars.

The second time the Hawkettes met Safeway in league play, the Northrop team beat them handily, 13-4. They then got a helping hand in winning the championship from McDonnell Douglas, who gave Safeway their second loss of the season in a close extra-inning game.

In the season's finale All-Star game, Jackie Lonergan's bases-loaded homer in the first inning gave the Hawkettes a 5-0 lead which they never relinquished.

However, the All-Stars were closing in 4-5 in the fourth inning when their pitcher, Sadie Thomas from McDonnell Douglas, was taken out of the game by a smashing line drive to the head by Hawkettes shortstop, Kathy Cruz. Northrop's Raiders came out on top of the 12-team men's league in a post-season tour-

ament which matched the top teams from the two divisions. The second-place team, McDonnell Douglas' Eagles, had jockeyed back and forth against the Raiders all season, with a record against the Raiders of two wins and three losses.

In all their games except one, the winning team came out on top by one run and the championship game proved the rule as the Raiders won 12-11 in eight innings.

Jack Campbell, Northrop's pitcher, became the star of the game as he drove in the winning run with a clean hit into center field with a runner on second and two outs. Campbell went five for five at bat.

Another Northrop player, outfielder Kala Baty, although seriously injured in an earlier playoff game, was instrumental in the win. Baty, though seriously injured in an earlier playoff game, was instrumental in the win. Baty hit a homer with two on in the first inning and drew several key intentional walks.

"Our main strength all season has been our depth," said Raiders' coach Walt Dagampat. "It feels great to finally win the big one."

Although the Raiders have finished at the top of the league for four seasons, this is the first time they have won the playoffs.

The league's perpetual championship trophy was presented to the Raiders after the game by league president and coach of the Eagles, Dave Jahoosky.

part in the World Amateur Championship (individual event) that preceded the team event.

Jahangir had to qualify from the preliminary round and he did it. Unseeded and a qualifier, Jahangir shook the squash world by winning the title, beating England's seasoned Phil Kenyon 2-9, 9-3, 9-3, 9-5. Encouraged by success, Jahangir worked harder and within three years, he emerged as a great force in world squash. And the most worried man was none other than Geoff Hunt.

After his brother's demise Jahangir Khan's training was entrusted to his cousin, Rehmat Khan, who himself was a world renowned squash player. Rehmat, now employed by PIA, is the son of the late Nasrullah Khan, who had groomed Britain's six times world champion Jonah Barrington.

Nasrullah, the elder brother of Roshan Khan, had settled in London in 1954. He was a professional coach in a club where young Jonah met him. On Nasrullah's death the British press wrote editorials for his contribution to squash and the British government honored him posthumously.

Jahangir Khan thus belongs to a family of great squash players. He started learning the fundamentals of the game at the age of 12 at Karachi Fleet Club. He learnt squash under the guidance of his father, Roshan Khan, who preferred to stay in Pakistan though he was also offered many lucrative coaching assignments abroad.

Jahangir Khan was born in Karachi after his family moved from Peshawar, the home of world champions. Pakistan has the unique honor of producing no less than six world champions in a span of 35 years.

It was Hashim Khan, at the age of 36, who brought international laurels for Pakistan by winning the 1950 British Open, regarded as the unofficial world championship. He set an unprecedented feat, when he won the title seven times. He lost once when he was beaten by Roshan Khan.

Azam, younger brother of Hashim Khan, who was basically a tennis player but was persuaded by his brother to take up squash, also won the British Open four times.

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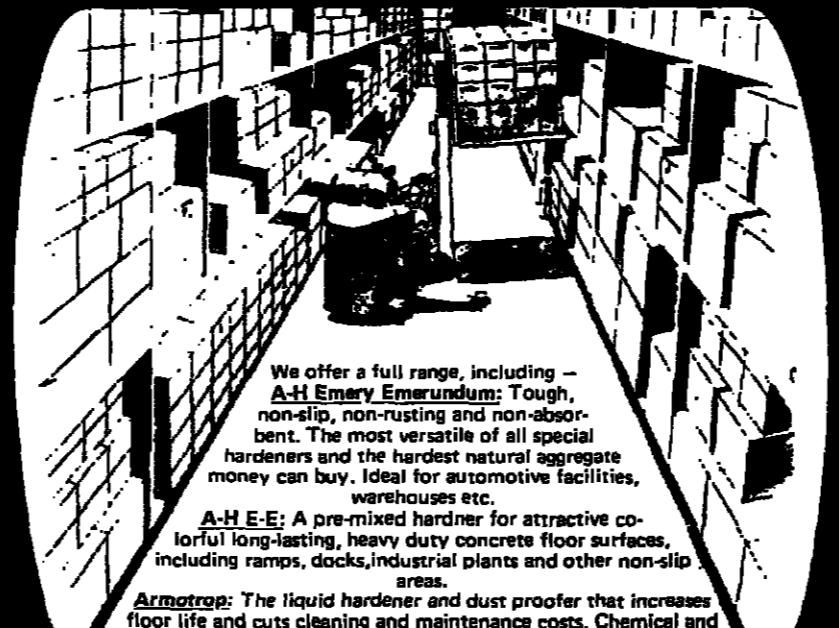
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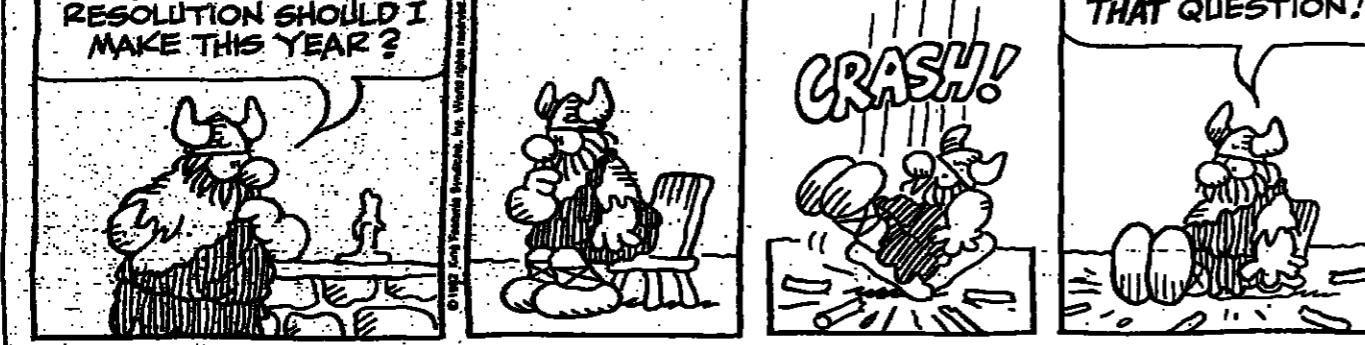
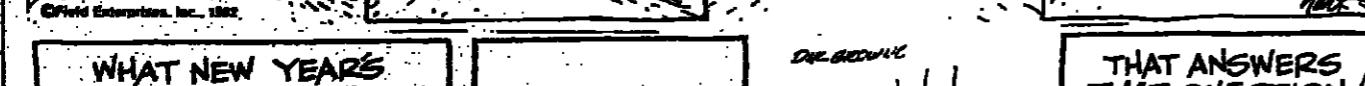
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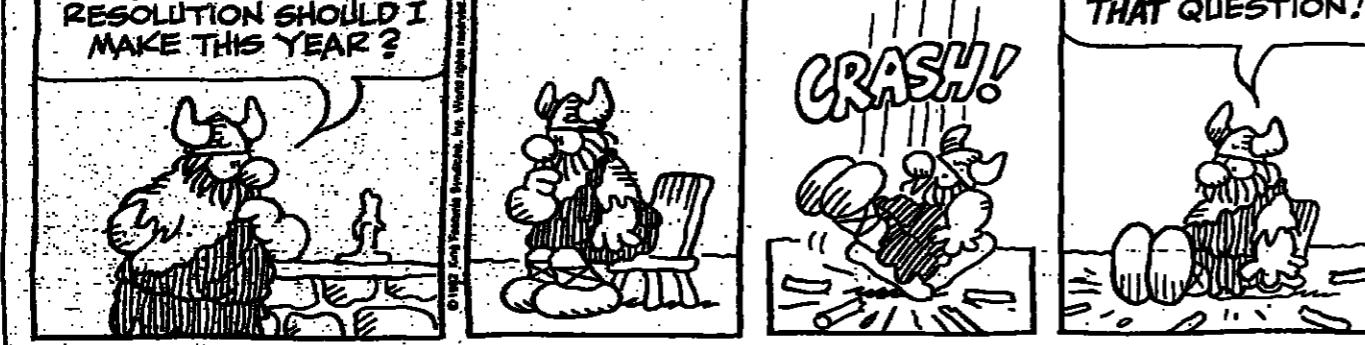
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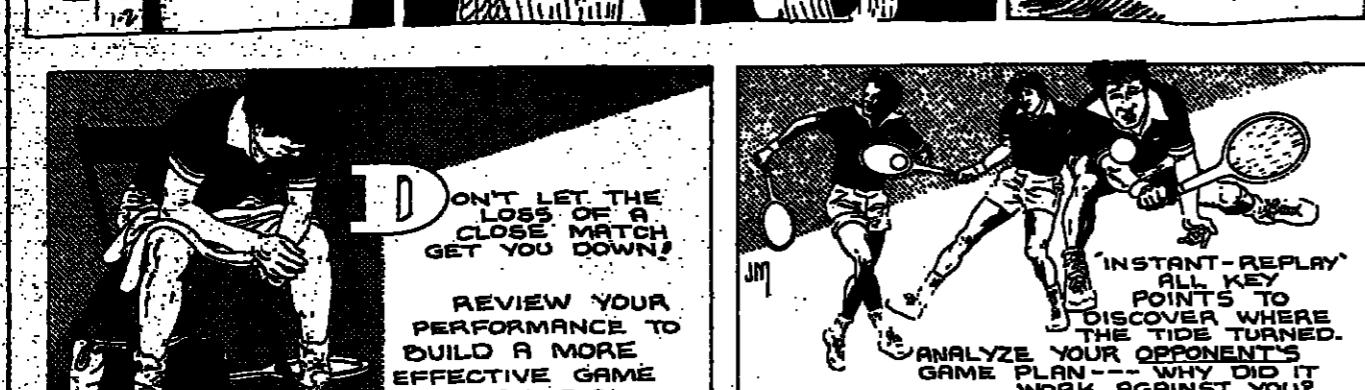


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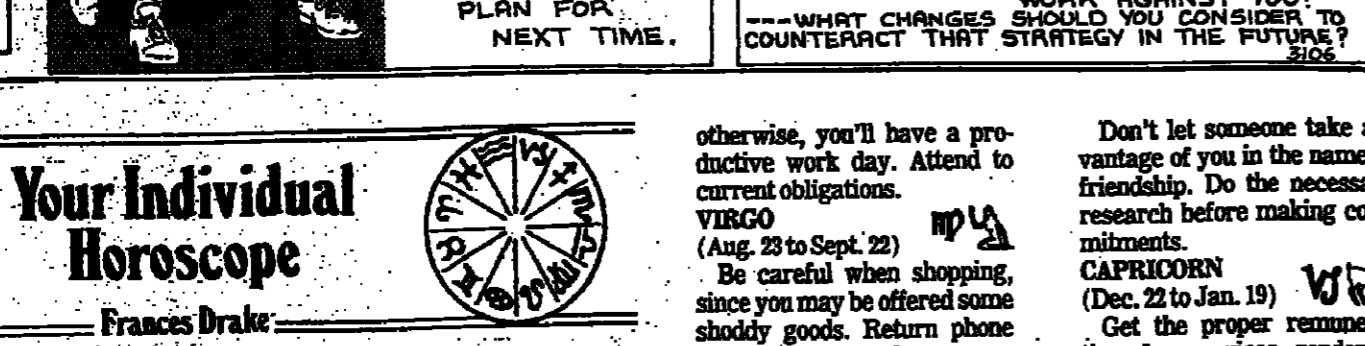
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Care is required in legal matters. Maintain a low profile for business success. Finish up old projects before tackling new ones.

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Keep tabs on your accounts, and watch for bank errors.

Don't let someone take advantage of you in the name of friendship. Do the necessary research before making commitments.

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Get the proper remuneration for services rendered. Fulfill social obligations. Get in touch with a friend you've neglected.

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## Falkland Islanders honor Mrs. Thatcher

POR STANLEY, Jan. 11 (R) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher continued her morale-boosting visit to the Falkland Islands Tuesday after an emotional second day in which the islanders paid her a unique honor.

She toured battlefields Monday and paid her respects at British war graves and later was awarded the honorary Freedom of the Islands for her "steadfast and unyielding leadership" during last year's conflict with Argentina.

She visited British warships serving in Falklands waters Tuesday and saw some of the reconstruction work carried out in the South Atlantic islands since the 10-week conflict ended last June. The award of the Freedom of the Falklands, the first ever conferred by the islands' ruling council, was made at a dinner in Port Stanley attended by about 500 persons — half the population of the colony's tiny capital.

Mrs. Thatcher, visibly moved by the honor, said the islanders and the British people had given an example to the world.

The citation, read by a member of the islands' executive council, Harold Rowlands, declared: "We the undersigned representa-

tives of the people of the Falklands, in acknowledgement of our humble and sincere gratitude and appreciation of the courageous, steadfast and unyielding leadership of Margaret Hilda Thatcher, hereby confer on her the honorary Freedom of Sanley and all the townships and settlements throughout the Falkland Islands."

Mrs. Thatcher, appearing to blink back tears, kissed Rowlands on the cheek and said: "This is the most marvelous honor you have conferred upon me." She continued: "So we in the Falklands and Great Britain rededicate our lives to the cause of freedom and justice of peoples here and everywhere. "We have given an example to the world and hope to many of those who do not enjoy these great qualities."

Meanwhile, Latin American countries reacting to Thatcher's visit, generally agreed with Argentina's condemnation of the trip.

Argentine President Reynaldo Bignone Monday echoed an earlier statement by Foreign Minister Juan Ramon Aguirre Lanari when he described Mrs. Thatcher's presence on the islands, which Argentina has claimed for 150 years, as "a new act of provocation and arrogance."

## Parley on Sikh demands begins

NEW DELHI, Jan. 11 (R) — The Indian government began fresh talks Tuesday with leaders of a Sikh protest movement demanding political and religious concessions in the northern state of Punjab.

The high-level government team included Home Minister Prakash Chandra Sethi.

## 12 million Indians to vote next month

NEW DELHI, Jan. 11 (AFP) — Twelve million Indians go to the polls early next month to elect new local assemblies in the northeast states of Assam and Meghalaya and in New Delhi.

The elections, coming a few days after the defeat of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party may be in a mood to try for a politically valuable settlement following its disastrous performance in southern state elections last week. And the Akalis may be weary of their agitation which has so far yielded no concrete results, they added.

Tuesday's talks were taking place in Chandigarh, shared as state capital by Punjab and neighboring Haryana. Sole possession of Chandigarh is one of the political demands of the Akali protestors. Others include a redrawing of boundaries to take Punjabi-speaking areas into the state and additional river water rights.

Government sources in Delhi have said there are few problems over conceding the Sikh religious demands, including formal declaration of Amritsar as a "Sikh holy city" under which tobacco and alcohol would be banned. The main stumbling block to any settlement is likely to be the Sikh demand for greater regional political power.



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CLEARING FLOOD DEBRIS: Technicians dressed in plastic suits and respirators continue the long-stalled clean-up of flood debris Monday at Times Beach contaminated by dioxin. Residents living in the area have been asked to move out of the area.

## Gandhi film director, actor nominated for Golden Globe

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11 (R) — British actor Ben Kingsley and Director Richard Attenborough were nominated Monday for Hollywood Golden Globe Awards for their work on the film *Gandhi*.

The British-Indian film collected five nominations, three less than the leading contender, *An Officer and a Gentleman*, starring Richard Gere.

Kingsley, relatively unknown in the United States until he starred as Gandhi, was nominated for awards as the best dramatic actor and the best new male star of the year. The film also received nominations for the best foreign film and for best screenplay, by Richard Briley. The Golden Globe Awards are to be presented Jan. 29 by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, made up of a segment of the foreign reporters in Los Angeles, and often provide a foretaste of the coming Hollywood Oscar winners.

Gere was nominated as best dramatic actor and other nomination for *An Officer and a Gentleman*, an unexpectedly big box office success in the United States, included Debra Winger for best dramatic actress and the award for best dramatic film.

Eleven-year-old Aileen Quinn, who played the title role in the \$50-million musical *Annie*, was nominated for the best musical actress and best new female star of the year awards. Apart from Kingsley and Gere, those nominated for the best dramatic actor award were: British actor Albert Finney, for *Shoot the Moon*, Jack Lemmon, for *Missing*, and Paul Newman, for *The Verdict*.

Debra Winger, those nominated for best dramatic actress were: Diane Keaton, for *Shoot the Moon*, Jessica Lange, for *Frances*, Sissy Spacek, for *Missing*, and Paul Newman, for *The Verdict*.

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ABIDJAN, Jan. 11 (R) — Strong contrasts in political orientation and economic well-being will confront French President Francois Mitterrand on his tour of three small West African countries this week.

His six-day journey to Togo, Benin and Gabon, starting Thursday, will cover the spectrum from staunch conservatism to Marxist-Leninism, and from debt-ridden hardship to the affluence which oil reserves bring. Yet however diverse they are, the three countries have one prominent feature in common and years after they gained independence from France, their links with Paris are as close as ever.

France is still the main trading partner of all three, whose currency is the franc guaranteed by the French treasury. The former colonial power heads the list of aid donors to Togo and Benin, has a military accord with

France and is in command but his country is in a profound economic crisis with foreign debts estimated at \$1 billion.

An austerity drive is the official explanation for the cancellation this year of traditionally lavish celebrations and the extra month's pay usually received by public servants. Mitterrand is likely to pay tribute to conventions, first agreed in Lome, linking over 60 African, Caribbean and Pacific countries to the European community, and guaranteeing access to the European market for their raw materials.

France played a big part in the Lome Conventions and the socialist government's pledge to raise its foreign aid contributions to 0.7 percent of gross national product by 1988 has earned it praise from the Third World. But as Mitterrand has said, in a speech which must have reassured French taxpayers: "To help the Third World is to help oneself."

Special troops, wearing orange helmets and uniforms, retake the cell block at 1:40 a.m. (0640 GMT), moving on all five floors of the facility.

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SINGAPORE, Jan. 11 (R) — An Indian emissary arrived here Tuesday amid mounting pressure to invite an anti-Vietnam resistance coalition to speak for Kampuchea at the nonaligned summit in New Delhi in March.

Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia, all members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), have demanded that Prince Norodom Sihanouk, head of a newly-formed Democratic Kampuchea (DK) coalition, be allowed to take part in the summit.

Special envoy K.S. Bajpai, who flew to

Singapore after a two-day visit to Jakarta, said his trip was to ascertain the views of various countries on thorny issues including Kampuchea and Afghanistan, before a draft declaration was prepared.

Kampuchea is a founder of the 97-member nonaligned movement and the coalition Prince Sihanouk heads as president holds the Kampuchean seat at the United Nations.

India, which recognizes the Vietnam-backed Heng Samrin government in Phnom Penh, has said the Kampuchean seat at the summit should be left vacant until there was a consensus decision in New Delhi.

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## French police chief takes over in Corsica

AJACCIO, Corsica, Jan. 11 (R) — Commissioner Robert Broussard, France's new police chief in troubled Corsica, took control Tuesday of efforts to end separatist violence on the island.

Broussard, former head of the anti-gang brigade in Paris, arrived in the Corsican capital Monday with Security Minister Joseph Franceschi. Guerrillas of the Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC), who carried out almost 700 bomb attacks in the Mediterranean island last year, have been living low since Broussard's appointment.

President Francois Mitterrand ordered a shake-up of the police in Corsica last week to stem FLNC intimidation of French settlers. Broussard told reporters he intended to "restore confidence among the population and police and ensure the protection of people and property within the strict application of the law."

Informed sources said he was expected to give priority to a drive against Corsican criminals using the FLNC as an umbrella for extortion rackets.

## Nakasone begins talks in Seoul

SEOUL, Jan. 11 (R) — Yasuhiro Nakasone Tuesday began the first official visit to South Korea by a Japanese prime minister, a trip designed to bring about a new era in a relationship marked by past enmities.

The United States, which has separate security arrangements with Japan and South Korea, has given its strong backing to the two-day visit. North Korea and left-wing opposition parties in Japan have said the visit was aimed at the formation of a military alliance linking Seoul, Tokyo and Washington. Nakasone is making his visit just one week before he goes to Washington for talks with President Reagan. He was welcomed at the airport by South Korean Prime Minister Kim Sang-Hyup.

Japan's national flag flew from government buildings for the first time since 1945, when 35 years of Japanese colonial rule over Korea ended. Nakasone had his initial meeting with President Chun Doo Hwan shortly after arrival. Japanese officials said they were expected to reach broad agreement on a \$4 billion aid package from Tokyo for South Korean development projects.

Military police mounted guard at the airport.

## White House chief of staff apologizes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (R) — White House Chief of Staff James Baker apologized Monday for saying that Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan should resign.

President Reagan also stepped in quick to express confidence in Donovan, who has repeatedly denied allegations by FBI informants that he had links to the underworld when he was a top executive of a New Jersey construction firm. The president said Baker's remarks, made in an interview published Sunday by the *Dallas Morning News*, were "inadvertent and regrettable."

Reagan's reaction was relayed by White House Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes, who quoted the president as saying the whole affair had been blown out of proportion and that he continues to have full confidence in Secretary Donovan.

A special prosecutor last September said that he had found "insufficient credible evidence" to link Donovan to mobsters or to back claims he was present when his firm allegedly made secret payoffs to corrupt union officials.

The special prosecutor, Leon Silverman, said in closing his inquiry that he remained "disturbed" by allegations that were still "unresolved" and that his findings did not amount to a conclusive bill of health for the labor secretary.

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